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## To the Citizens of Herkimer County:

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When the publishers, in 1892, declared their intention to publish another history of Herkimer County, they made inquiry as to the unbound volumes of the history prepared by Judge Benton, and issued in 1856. Such information as they desired was furnished them on that subject, and then they asked if consent would be given to aid and assist in supervising their proposed publication.

As a century had passed since the organization of the County, and thirty-six years had elapsed since the publication of "Benton's History," it was believed that many events not noticed in that work could be collected, and that, with the multitude of events transpiring since that time, the proposed work would be welcomed. Therefore consent was given to aid in gathering material; in advising as to events known; in suggesting sources from which facts could be obtained worthy of being recorded.

After such consent was given, it was found necessary to have an immediate assistant to look after details, and to prepare descriptions and outlines of events worthy of notice. For such purpose Mr. Frank H. Willard was mentioned and engaged by the publishers, and he has with fidelity performed the work assigned to him.

It was known that the late Samuel Earl had collected much valuable information concerning early events and written many articles recording them. An application was suggested and made to his son, Robert Earl 2d, and to his brother, Judge Earl, who promptly and cheerfully gave access to all the articles written and information gathered by Mr. S. Earl, and the same have been valuable aids in preparing the following pages.

Valuable information has also been furnished by W. T. Loomis, Esq.; by Mr. William G. Milligan and many others, to whom grateful acknowledgments are due, and therefore given.

The County bears a patriot's name, and it is hoped that the reader may find in these pages evidences that its citizens have in times past and passing, honored the hero of the battle of Oriskany.

The bench and bar, as well as many distinguished members of the legal and other professions who have had their origin in this County, have been given extended notice.

The manufacturing industries developed in the County have received, as they justly merit, considerable attention.

The portraits found in the work, with biographical sketches accompanying them, serve to illustrate the character of citizens who have had their homes within the bounds of the County, and it is believed they will furnish interesting features of the work.

The publishers have given painstaking attention to every detail in the mechanical preparation of this volume. The engravings have been carefully executed by artists of well-known ability, and the letter-press, binding and gilding are in excellent style.

Vigilant efforts have been made to trace authoritatively the events narrated, and give reliable information as to the scenes and deeds which have given the County a worthy position in the Empire State.

To its citizens the work is submitted, in the hope that it will meet with their approbation.

Respectfully,

GEORGE A. HARDIN.

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., May, 1893.



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# HISTORY

OF

## HERKIMER COUNTY.

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### CHAPTER I.

#### DESCRIPTIVE OF THE COUNTY.

NEARLY three-quarters of a century had passed after the first advent of permanent white settlers into the valley of the upper Mohawk river—a period made historically memorable by the occurrence of many important events and the enactment of deeds of valor and heroism—before Herkimer county existed as a subdivision of the State of New York. The original ten counties of the colony were created November 1, 1683, and named Albany, New York, Dutchess, Kings, Orange, Queens, Richmond, Suffolk, Ulster, and Westchester. On March 11, 1772, Montgomery county was created, under the name of Tryon (changed in 1784), and embraced nearly the whole of the central and western part of the State. Herkimer county was erected from Montgomery February 16, 1791, and received its name in honor of the distinguished general, Nicholas Herkimer. As first formed the county embraced a vast extent of territory, extending from its eastern boundary westward to the eastern boundary of Ontario county, exclusive of the territory of Otsego and Tioga counties, which were erected at the same date with Herkimer. The boundaries of the county as originally given were as follows; All the territory bounded north by Lake Ontario, the



river St. Lawrence, and the north bounds of the State: easterly by the counties of Clinton, Washington and Saratoga, as they then were; southerly by the counties of Montgomery, Otsego and Tioga. From this large tract of country Onondaga county was set off in 1794; Oneida in 1798; Chenango, from Herkimer and Tioga, in 1798; and these counties have been variously subdivided at later dates. In 1816 parts of the towns of Richfield and Plainfield, in Otsego county, were taken, with a part of Litchfield, Herkimer county, to form the present town of Winfield. (See chapter 5 of the Laws of 1817, and chapter 228 of Laws of 1816.) In 1817 the towns of Salisbury and Manheim, and all that part of Minden (Montgomery county) now comprised in Danube and Stark, were annexed to Herkimer county. (See chapter 184 of Laws of 1817.) This county as it now exists covers an area of 1,370 square miles, and is bounded on the north by St. Lawrence county; on the east by Hamilton, Fulton and Montgomery counties; on the south by Otsego county; and on the west by Oneida and Lewis counties.

The present county comprises within its limits the following tracts and parts of tracts of land granted by the crown before the Revolution, and by the State since the treaty of 1783:

TRACTS.	ACRES.	NAMES OF ORIGINAL PATENTEES.
Acres reserved for the Crown, 1784.	43,007	Mathew Adgate.
Bayard's Patent, 1784.	50,000	William Bayard, Alexander Ellis, and fifty-three others.
Bartholomew's Patent, 1784.	9,400	A part of the above was granted to Alexander M. Coenradt.
Bartholomew's Patent, 1784.	3,000	Johan Joost Petri, and ninety-three others.
Cadwallader's Patent, 1784.	22,000	Cadwallader Colden, the younger, and Coenradt Ruchtmeyer.
Cadwallader's Patent, 1784.	4,000	Joseph Worrell, William Cosby, and nine others.
Frank (Conrad) & Co's Patent, 1784.	5,000	Alexander Colden, and three others.
Frank (Conrad) & Co's Patent, 1784.	2,324	Coenradt Frank, and five others.
Glen's Patent, 1784.	25,076	Johan Joost and Hendrik Herckheimer.
Hendrick's Patent, 1784.	4,000	Ezra L'Hommedieu and Nathaniel Platt.
Hendrick's Patent, 1784.	6,000	James Henderson, and two others.
Hendrick's Patent, 1784.	12,000	Peter Hasenclever, and seventeen others.
Hendrick's Patent, 1784.	9,200	Henry Glen, Alexander Ellis, and ninety-two others.
Kass's Patent, 1784.	1,100	Johan Jurgh Kass, and his children.
Kass's Patent, 1784.	3,000	John Lindsay and Philip Livingston.
Kass's Patent, 1784.	20,000	Philip Livingston, and nineteen others.
Kass's Patent, 1784.	9,200	Leonard Lisperard, and thirteen others.
Kass's Patent, 1784.	6,000	Jacob and Abraham Lansing, and Jacob Glen.
Macomb's Patent, 1784.	1,600	Alexander Macomb.
McNeil's Patent, 1784.	4,000	John McNeil, and three others.
Matchin's Patent, 1784.	1,600	Thomas Matchin.
Nobleborough Tract, 1784.	40,960	Arthur Noble.
Nobleborough Tract, 1784.	6,000	Granted by the State, except 1,000 granted in 1784 to Anson Blake.
Nobleborough Tract, 1784.	6,000	John Jost Petrie, and two others.
Nobleborough Tract, 1784.	6,000	Samuel Williams Johnson.

NAMES OF PATENTS OR TRACTS.	DATE.	NO. OF ACRES.	NAMES OF ORIGINAL PATENTEES.
Remsenburgh Patent,.....	1787	45,000	Henry Remsen and three others.
Snell and Timmerman's Patent.....	1755	3,600	Jacob Timberman and Johan Joost Schnell.
Staley's 1st and 2d Tract,.....	1788	4,000	Rudolph Staley, Johan Joost Herckmeier, Jr., Nicholas Herckmeier, and fifteen others.
Schuyler's Patent,.....	1785	13,000	Abraham Lynsen, and twenty-one others.
Totten and Crossfield Patent.....	1790	9,760	Isaac Vrooman.
Vrooman's Patent,.....	1786	4,000	Isaac Vrooman.
do.....	1790	100	Isaac Vrooman.
do.....	1790	400	Petrus Van Driessen.
Van Driesen, Peter,.....	1791	1,000	Johan Van Driessen.
Van Horne's Patent,.....	1781	8,000	Abraham Van Horne, and three others.
Vaughn's Patent,.....	1770	5,000	John Vaughn, and seven others.
Watson's James Tract,.....	1740	5,000	A part of Macomb's purchase.
Winne's Patent,.....	1741	2,000	Peter Winne.
Walton's Patent,.....	1768	12,000	William Walton, jr., and eleven others.
Young's Patent,.....	1752	14,000	Theobald Young, and ten others.

This mark (\*) denotes that the lands indicated are partly in Herkimer, and partly in other counties.

The foregoing table indicates that the title to most of the lands in the county was granted by the crown before the beginning of the Revolution, and those grants were recognized as valid by the constitution of 1777; but at the same time the State was left free to protect itself against treason or hostility by any person holding under the grants, as hereafter shown.

In explanation of the table the following details are of interest :

The original evidence of ownership of the Burnetsfield lots were certificates given the grantees in the winter and spring of 1723. The next transaction in land in the county was the purchase of the Kast patent in 1724 by the family of that name, who were among the Burnetsfield patentees. John Jurgh Kast and his son of the same name had each received a thirty-acre lowland and a seventy-acre upland lot, and the family now bought a tract of 1,100 acres on the river in Schuyler, half way between East and West Schuyler villages. Next came Lindsey's purchase, covering 3,000 acres in oblong form, beginning on the south bank of the Mohawk, a mile and a half below Little Falls, taken by John Lindsey and Philip Livingston in 1730; then Van Horne's, made in the following year by Abraham Van Horne and three others, the tract consisting of 8,000 acres about the Canajoharie castle.

The next tract taken up was the famous Cosby's Manor, granted in 1734. The part of this tract within Herkimer county formed a block about seven miles square, beginning just west of Frankfort village (about two-thirds lying south of the river), and surrounding Kast's patent. The chief patentee was Governor William Cosby. The property passed into the hands of Lady Grace Cosby, and was the subject of a correspondence between herself, her agent, Sir William Johnson, and Oliver De Lancey, the latter of whom in the summer of 1762 bought the tract for himself and James Jauncey, Peter Remsen and Goldsbroow Banyar, paying £6,000 currency.

Next to Cosby's Manor in date of granting was the tract of 1,000 acres on the north bank of the river, just east of Little Falls, purchased by Rev. Peter Van Driesen

in 1757. In the next year Cadwallader Colden took 3,000 acres in a strip a mile and a quarter wide running south from Van Horne's patent to Otsquago Creek.

One of the most important of the earliest patents was Glen's purchase, so called from Jacob Glen, the patentee. The tract of land involved consisted of 25,076 acres, occupying, in general terms, the eastern part of the town of Herkimer, the southern half of Fairfield, Little Falls north of the river, and the western part of Manheim. The Indian title was extinguished in 1734.

In 1738 five of the lots were granted to Patrick McClaughry and Andrew McDowell, and eight to James De Lancey, John Lindsay, and Abraham Glen. In 1739 three were granted to Lendert Helmer, two to Jacob Glen, three to Archibald Kennedy, three to John Schuyler, jr., three to Arent Brant, and three to Philip Schuyler. In 1761 three were granted to Samuel Auchmuty, three to William Mitchell, and three to William Ogilvie.

Henderson's patent of 6,000 acres was granted to James Henderson, his son of the same name, and John Kelly, 1739. Most of it is embraced in the town of Warren. In 1741 Peter Winne bought 2,000 acres on both sides of West Canada Creek; except where bounded by the Burnetsfield patent on the south, this tract was surrounded by the Hasenclever patent. The southern part of the town of Warren is embraced in Young's patent, granted in 1752 to Theobald, Adam, Frederick, and Andries Young, and seven others. In the same year Johan Joost and Hendrick Herkemer bought 2,324 acres on the south bank of the river, extending from Lindsay's purchase to the easternmost Burnetsfield lots. Lansingh's patent was granted in the following year to Jacob and Abraham Lansingh and Jacob Glen. The part of it in Herkimer county lay in the south of Danube and the northwestern part of Stark.

A strip along the southeastern side of Winfield was part of a tract of 43,000 acres granted in 1755 to Daniel Schuyler and twenty-one others and called Schuyler's patent. Snell and Timmerman's tract, 3,600 acres, in the southern part of Manheim, was granted in the same year. In 1755 were also granted Staley's first and second tracts, so called, containing 34,000 acres. The patentees were Rudolph Staley, Johan Joost Herkimer, jr., Nicholas Herkimer and fifteen others. The first tract, together with the river, surrounded all the Burnetsfield lots south of the Mohawk, except the easternmost five, and extended south far enough to take in most of the present town of German Flats. The second tract included almost all of the town of Columbia. Between the two, in narrow form, lay Staley's third tract, also called Frank's patent, from Conrad and Frederick Frank, who were interested in it.

In 1761 John McNeil and three others bought what has been called McNeil's patent, in the southern part of Stark. In this year, too, Alexander Colden, William Willett, Stephen De Lancey and Christopher Blundell procured the patent called by the name of the first of these gentlemen. It consisted of 4,000 acres, mostly on the north side of the river, filling the space between Burnetsfield and Cosby's Manor; eight small lots south of the river embraced the site of Frankfort village.

Livingston's patent, part of which occupied the southeastern corner of Stark, was granted in 1762. In 1765 Guy Johnson bought 2,000 acres, now about equally divided between the southeastern corner of German Flats and the adjoining portion of Little

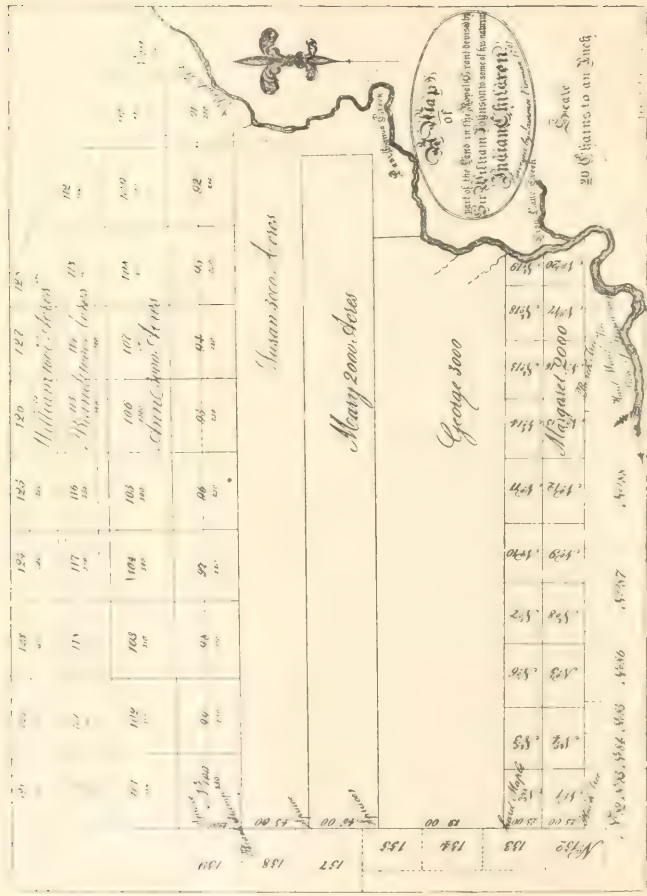
Falls. Walton's patent ran along the western county line from Cosby's Manor to West Canada Creek, with a breadth of two and a half miles; it was granted in 1768. In the following year Peter Hasenclever and seventeen others bought what has since been called Hasenclever's patent. It consisted of 18,000 acres, all but a small portion of which was bounded by Cosby's Manor, Walton's and Alexander Colden patents and West Canada Creek.

The Royal Grant (so called) comprised a large tract of land lying between the Canada Creeks which was acquired by Sir William Johnson from his Indian friends in 1760, and for which he received a patent from the government in 1769. The tract embraced about 66,000 acres and lay back of the lands previously granted.

In 1770 8,000 acres, comprising most of Little Falls south of the river and the western corner of Danube, were granted to John Vaughn and seven others, forming the Vaughn patent. In the same year the Jerseyfield patent was made to ninety-four persons, 1,000 acres to each, bounded by the Royal Grant, West Canada Creek, the line which forms the northern boundary of Salisbury, and the eastern county line. Bayard's patent, purchased by two brothers of that name and fifty-three others in 1774, embraced most of the towns of Litchfield and Winfield. In 1786 Isaac Vrooman bought 4,000 acres, and in 1790, 10,193 acres in a narrow strip extending across Danube and parts of Manheim and Stark. The other 428 acres of Manheim were taken in 1786 by John Van Driesen. In the same year Thomas Matchin bought 1,600 acres on the north side of West Canada Creek in the town of Russia. The Totten and Crossfield purchase was made in that year, and included 25,200 acres, part of which was in the northeastern corner of the county. In the same year Ezra L'Hommedieu and Nathaniel Platt bought the 4,000 acres remaining in the northwest part of Stark and the southern part of Little Falls. In 1787 the Nobleborough tract was patented to Arthur Noble and comprised 41,000 acres, lying at the angle in the southeastern line of Wilmurt; and in the same year 48,000 acres southwest of the above, bounded on the south by West Canada Creek, were purchased by Henry Remsen and three others. In 1792 the State granted to Alexander Macomb an immense tract of land in the great northern wilderness at a nominal price, of which the John Brown and the Watson tracts are parts. The Guy Johnson tract was conveyed by Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Jacob G. Klock, and Henry Oathoudt, commissioners of forfeitures of the western district of New York to Benjamin Tallmadge, major in the army of the United States, June 7, 1784, and by Tallmadge to Caleb Brewster, July 9, 1794. Matthew Adgate in 1798 patented 43,907 acres now in the southern part of Wilmurt. The latest patent in the county was for 13,080 acres of the Moose River tract granted to Anson Blake in 1847.

The titles of the Indians to lands in the Mohawk valley, as well as those of the white settlers who adhered to the crown in the Revolution, were destroyed by that event, through the Attainder Act of 1779.

The Attainder Act of 1779 embraced fifty-nine persons, three of whom were married females, and they were also declared convicted and attainted with their husbands of offenses against the act. This manner of procedure was warranted by the fact that many women were in posses-





sion in their own right of large tracts of land. The Legislature passed an act on the 12th of May, 1784, directing the prompt sale of confiscated and forfeited estates, requiring the proceeds to be applied to the sinking and discharging of public securities created for prosecuting the war. This was the first step taken to dispose of these estates, and the functions of the commissioners ceased in 1788. The act of 1784 designated the kind of money and certificates or bills of credit issued by the State, which might be received in payment for lands sold. In the course of the transactions thus effected there ensued a heavy depreciation of public securities, which was severely felt by the people who were forced to accept them from the government. The purchasers of the public domain, however, were in no respect losers by their operations. Having purchased these securities at the current specie market price, or at the sum fixed by the continental scale of depreciation, they exchanged them in most instances for some of the best lands in the State, at a price per acre a little more than nominal, and thus accumulated large fortunes for themselves and their descendants. The titles were, moreover, guaranteed in all respects by the State.

The commissioners of forfeiture of the western district of the State sold and deeded between September, 1784, and September, 1788, ninety-three lots in the first allotment of the Royal Grant; ninety-one in the second allotment; 130 in the third allotment; and 137 in the fourth allotment. This proceeding on the part of the State was founded on the attainder of Sir John Johnson, by the act of 1779.

The map made by Lawrence Vrooman in 1797, and reproduced herewith, shows that Sir William Johnson gave by his will to six of his natural children by Molly Brant (or Brandt), 15,000 acres of this grant as follows: To Margaret, 2,000 acres; George, 3,000; Mary, 2,000; Susan, 3,000; Ann, 3,000; Brandt, 1,000; and to William 1,000. The portion of this tract thus devised adjoins the East Canada Creek, and is in the present towns of Manheim and Salisbury. The lots as numbered on the map are: 166 in the first allotment; 102 in the second; 136 in the third; and 143 in the fourth. These are the highest numbers, but in several instances intervening numbers below are not found.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The late Samuel Earl left among his historical memoranda the following: "As Mary Brant and her eight children, Peter, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Margaret, George, Mary, Susanna, and Anne, and young Brant Kaghnectayo of Canajoharie, and William Tagawinente of Canajoharie, were inca-

A specific half of eighteen lots in Jerseyfield patent was also sold and deeded by the commissioners of forfeitures, within the periods above mentioned. The original patentees of this large tract were mostly of the Dutch extraction, not German, and residents in Albany, Schenectady and the lower Mohawk valley. None of these names appears in the Attainder Act of 1779. Some party, known to be obnoxious to the penalties of the act, must have been proceeded against by indictment for treason against the State, and the lands declared forfeited on inquisition found. The whole of five lots and a specified half of four others in Livingston's patent were also sold and conveyed by the commissioners. Peter De Bois, who was attainted by the act of October 22, 1779, was one of the patentees of this grant, and the sales probably covered his interest, or what remained of it, in the whole patent.

A part of Glen's purchase seems to have been owned by some one obnoxious to the law of attainder. James De Lancey was one of the three joint patentees of several lots in this purchase. He was attainted by the act of 1779. (See chapter 25, of the Laws of 1779). Six small lots in that tract were sold and deeded for £1,095, New York currency, on the 27th of August, 1788, to replenish an exhausted treasury. James Caldwell purchased five of the lots and Michael Myers one of them. Johan Jurgh Kast's little patent of 1,100 acres in Schuyler contributed \$500 to pay war expenses. One lot in that patent seems to have been sold to make compensation for treason against the State. "Surely none of the descendants of that sturdy old Palatine could have been recreant to his country and a traitor to humanity."<sup>2</sup>

A portion of the Bayard patent is held under title from the commissioners of forfeitures, two of the Bayards having been attainted by the act of 1779. In regard to the Johan Joost Herkimer property, Judge Benton wrote as follows:

Diligent search and examination has been made in the proper quarter to find some evidence of grants under the authority of the State, of the Johan Joost Herkimer prop-

pable of taking and holding lands by reason of their being Indians, the several devises in the will of Sir William Johnson to them were inoperative and void, and the lands and estate devised to them respectively upon the death of Sir William, descended to and became vested in Sir John Johnson as heir at law, and by his attainder became vested in the State as a portion of his inheritance. No tribunal competent to determine the law as it was at the death of Sir William or the attainder of Sir John has decided anything contrary to or in conflict with the foregoing proposition."

<sup>2</sup> Benton's "History of Herkimer County."



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erty, but without success. Some part of the Herkimer property came into the hands of Alexander Ellice, soon after the Revolution. The precise time has not been ascertained by the writer, nor has he been able to lay his hand upon any papers showing the title to have come from the State. This, however, must be so, for Mr. Ellice, being a British subject, would not have been allowed to hold forfeited lands except by a grant from the State.<sup>1</sup>

In respect to that part of the Royal Grant, devised by Sir William to his Indian children, the sale by the commissioners could not be sustained, and consequently was abandoned in regard to some of them, who had not committed any overt act of treason or offense against the statute. One of these children, however, did bear arms against the colonies, and may have been proceeded against under the Attainder Act, by indictment. The present titles of a portion of the grant are therefore derived from Sir William's will, through his Indian children, but all the remainder, which passed to Sir John Johnson, as heirs at law, is held under the State by virtue of his attainder.

*Natural Characteristics.*—The surface of Herkimer county may be called a hilly upland, with a series of ridges extending in a generally north and south direction. The beautiful Mohawk River flows easterly across the southerly part of the county, through a valley that is broad from its westerly end to near Little Falls at the easterly side of the county, where the stream breaks through a mountainous ridge, the naked rocks rising on either side from 500 to 600 feet. From this point to the eastern boundary of the county the river flows through a valley bordered by high and precipitous hills. The East Canada Creek rises in Hamilton county, flows southward and empties into the Mohawk; it forms the eastern boundary of the county from the Mohawk to the northeast corner of the Royal Grant. The West Canada Creek rises in the northern part of the county and in Hamilton county, flows southwesterly and discharges into the Mohawk near the village of Herkimer; part of it forms the boundary between Herkimer and Oneida counties. The Moose, Black and Beaver Rivers, which flow northward to Lake Ontario, have their sources in the northerly part of the county, where numerous lakes and ponds of pure water are found, many of them still in the forest fastnesses of a large region that has been left almost wholly in its native state, the surface and soil rendering it of little value for cultivation.

The geological features of the county are of considerable interest. The portion of the territory lying north of a line extending west from

<sup>1</sup> For further reference to titles and leases from Ellice, see subsequent history and maps of Little Falls.



Brockett's Bridge (now Dolgeville) is covered with primary rocks—granite, gneiss, feldspar, and hornblende. The same formation outcrops also at Little Falls. Rising successively above the primary are the Trenton limestone, appearing in Norway and Russia, the Utica slate, appearing upon the summit of all the hills immediately north of the Mohawk; the Frankfort slate appearing immediately south of the river; the Oneida conglomerate and Clinton group, extending in a belt through near the center of the south half of the county; the Onondaga salt group, waterlime, Onondaga and corniferous limestones, appearing in thin layers next south; and the Marcellus shales and limestones of the Helderberg range, covering the summits of the southern hills. These rocks yield an abundance of lime, waterlime, and building material, and are extensively quarried. Useful minerals are few in number, among them being beautiful crystals of quartz. The soil of the county is diversified, comprising sandy and argillaceous loams, based on limestone, sandstone and primitive granite gneiss; calcareous loam, sandy and clay loam. Rich alluvial flats are found in the Mohawk valley, that are as productive, perhaps, as any lands in the State. The soil north of the Royal Grant is light and sandy, better adapted to grazing than to tillage.

In the early history of the county the lands were tilled and the productions comprised wheat, corn, rye, barley, peas, beans, oats, hay and potatoes. Wheat and barley constituted the chief articles of export to the Albany market. With the opening of the Erie canal in 1825, the heavy grain producing section in the western part of the State became a rival against which the Mohawk valley could not successfully contend. Between 1820 and 1830 the prospects of the Herkimer county agriculturist were not encouraging. Insects destroyed the wheat year after year, and it has been stated that in 1820, "if all the personal or movable property in the county had been sold at a fair appraisal, it would not have produced sufficient means to pay the domestic debt of the county, and probably not more than half of it. After the opening of the canal, the attention of the community was gradually turned toward grazing and the dairy, and for many years past the latter interest has given the county a national reputation. The dairy products of the county will be further alluded to in subsequent town histories.

The lumber interest of the county was extensive in former years, and is still carried on with success in its northern parts.

## CHAPTER II.

## EARLY SETTLEMENT.

ONE hundred and seventy years ago, when the sturdy German emigrants, fleeing from their native country on the Rhine to escape a cruel vassalage, planted themselves in the wilderness within and around the territory of which this volume treats, they found it occupied by one of the Six Nations of Iroquois Indians—the Mohawks. These nations (exclusive of the Tuscaroras, who were practically amalgamated with the Oneidas) were established across the territory of the State of New York, beginning with the Mohawks on the east, with the Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas and Senecas next in the order named. Their central council fire was with the Onondagas. But limited as was this country wherein these nations had their permanent abiding place, their unexampled and reckless bravery in war; their statesmanship as demonstrated in the system of government devised by them; their indomitable perseverance and unyielding persistence in extending their power, gave them practical domination over the greater part of the continent and earned for them from one of their admirers the title of “The Romans of the New World.” The records of the deeds of the Iroquois Indians are found upon thousands of pages in words from gifted pens, while their personal characteristics and civil and domestic history have no less faithful chroniclers. This fact renders it wholly unnecessary to attempt in these pages more than a simple statement of their occupancy of the soil, to be followed with the history of their relations with the white settlers of the county.

Through the settlement of the French in what is now Canada early in the sixteenth century; the nearly simultaneous establishment of the Dutch in the vicinity of the Hudson river, and the subsequent domination of the English, a long series of bloody wars was inaugurated, which did not cease until the final extinction of French power in 1763. There was strife from the beginning to gain the fealty of the Indians. They

were not only extremely useful as fighters in the service of either power, but their friendship was equally desirable for purposes of trade. Of course they were regularly swindled by either party toward which they leaned. As far as the Mohawks were concerned they were always on terms of amity with the English. The influence of Sir William Johnson over them was boundless, and at his death they transferred their affections to his family, a fact which was the cause of untold woe to the colonists in after years.<sup>1</sup> King Hendrick, as he was called, was a celebrated Mohawk chief who was at the height of his power when the Mohawk valley was opened for settlement. He was an intimate friend of Sir William Johnson; adopted and wore the English costume, and never faltered in his allegiance to that nation. He resided much of the time at the upper Mohawk castle in what is now the town of Danube. He was killed at Lake George, September 8, 1755.

To the religious wars that swept over Europe early in the seventeenth century may be directly attributed the emigration from Germany which ultimately led to the first permanent settlement of the upper Mohawk valley by white people. Germany was a battlefield of religious war for nearly a hundred years. The peasantry generally embraced the doctrines of the Reformation, in which they received the sympathy of Protestant Englishmen. The affinity existing between the sovereigns of England and the German Palatinate, led to the application by the suffering Germans to Queen Anne, in 1708, to send the Palatines to her then colony of New York. To escape from what they would not

et. Joseph Grant, which gave him additional

endure in their own country, they fled to another where their religious faith might be cultivated and enjoyed free from persecution.

On the 10th of May, 1708, Joshua Kockerthal, a minister, with forty others from the Lower Palatinate in Germany, reached England. They were in a condition of destitution. The English Lords of Trade vouched for their good character and "humbly proposed" that they "be sent to settle upon Hudson's River, in the province of New York, where they may be useful to this kingdom, particularly in the production of naval stores, and as a frontier against the French and their Indians." On the 10th of August following the provincial governor was directed to provide subsistence for Joshua Kockerthal and forty-two German Protestants, and "to grant him 500 acres of land for a glebe with liberty to sell a suitable portion thereof for his better maintenance till he shall be able to live by the produce of the remainder."

These Palatines probably arrived in New York about the close of the year 1708, and an order was made in the Provincial Council at New York May 26, 1709, to continue the relief promised by the queen until the expiration of twelve months from the date of their arrival; this relief included clothing, mechanical tools and materials to work with. It is known that this company, or the greater part of it, settled permanently in what is now Ulster county; and, as has often happened in similar cases, the emigrants met with much difficulty in securing the promised aid from England. The tools were, however, supplied them, as agreed.<sup>1</sup>

The second immigration of Palatines, and by far the larger in numbers, arrived at New York shortly before June 14, 1710. In the Council, the president (Mr. Beekman) "informed the Board that the ship *Lyon* is arrived in this port, having brought a considerable number of Palatines for whom her Majesty has commanded him to Provide Lodging and Provisions and desired the Gentlemen of the Council to give their opinions what measures are proper to be taken with them." More than 3,000 emigrants came over at this time, and there being con-

<sup>1</sup> The following lists of tools and names of their recipients are interesting: Joshua Kockerthal—1 Barrel of Lime, 3 Gouches, 2 formers, 1 Grindingstone, 1 square, 1 Rule, 1 Compass, and several pieces more. Hermanus Schuneman—2 Handsaws, 1 Great Saw, 3 Gouches, 2 Agors, besides several pieces more. Michael Wiegand—1 great file, 1 smaller dito, 1 mortising chisel, 1 Joynter, 1 Agor, besides several pieces more. Andreas Volk—1 Cross Cut Saw, 1 Smoothing plane, 1 wiping saw, another set of gouches, besides several pieces more. Peter Rose—1 Glupott, 1 Whimplingpitts, 1 hatchet, 1 little hamer, 2 Agors, 1 Joynter, besides several pieces more. These lists are continued in Doc. Hist. New York, vol. III, pp. 550-51.

tagious disease among them, they were quarantined at Nutten Island (now Governor's) where they were maintained in huts at public expense.<sup>1</sup> Many died on the passage over.

This body of Palatines came over under the special charge of Governor Hunter, who had particular directions where to settle them, with the view of their aiding in protection against the French and Indians. For this purpose the commissioners designated "a tract of land lying on the Mohaques river, containing about fifty miles in length, and four miles in breadth, and a tract of land lying upon a creek [evidently the Schoharie] which runs into said river, containing between twenty-four and thirty miles in length. This last mentioned land is claimed by the Mohaques, but that claim may be satisfied on easy terms."<sup>2</sup> Reference is made by the commissioners to the obstruction in the river at Cohoes, but they thought that should be but little hindrance. In the spring of 1710 Hunter ordered the survey of lands on the "Mohaks" river, and particularly in the "Skohare to which the Indians had no pretence." But owing to the remoteness of the Schoharie lands, and their supposed unfitness for agriculture, with the scarcity of pine timber, Hunter finally purchased "a tract of land on Hudson's river from Mr. [Robert] Livingston, consisting of 6,000 acres, for £400 of this country money, for planting of the greatest division of the Palatines." He also informed the Board of Trade that he had found an ungranted tract near by on the west side of the river where he had planted the remainder of the Palatines, or intended to do so soon. On the 16th of June, 1710, in probable anticipation of what would naturally occur, the Board expressed the opinion "that a Proclamation doe Issue to prevent Exactions and Extortions in the price of Bread & other Provisions whereby the Palatines may be the better and easier Provided therewith." The sequel justified this measure, for the contractor who supplied flour, etc., cheated the poor immigrants in weight; and they complained bitterly to the home government that the conditions under which they came to New York were not fulfilled. The number of Palatines on Livingston's man-

<sup>1</sup> "It is the opinion of this Board thereupon that Nutten Island is the properest place to put the Palatines on and that Huts should be made for them." The huts were built by two of the Palatine carpenters, Johannes Hebon and Peter Williamse.

<sup>2</sup> The board also designated lands on the "Hudson's river, where are great numbers of Pines, fit for Production of Turpentine and Tarr, out of which Rozin and Pitch are made."



or and on the opposite side of the Hudson river in 1711 numbered about 1,800.

Many Palatine children, some of whom were orphans, were taken under direction of the governor and bound out as apprentices to the inhabitants of the colony.<sup>1</sup> Some of these afterwards became conspicuous in the history of the State. About eighty children were thus apprenticed.

Among the volunteers who accompanied Colonel Nicholson on his expedition to Canada in 1711, are found the names of several that afterwards became familiar in the Mohawk valley, as follows:

Hen. Hoffman, Warner Dirchest, Fred. Bellinger, Hen. Wederwachs, Frantz Finck, Martin Dillenback, Jacob Webber, William Nellis, George Dachstader, Christian Bauch, Mich. Ittick, Melch. Folts, Nicolaus Loux, Hartman Windecker, Hans Hen. Zeller, Jno. Wm. Finck, Jno. Hen. Arendorff, Johan Schneider, Henry Feling, Joh. Jost Petry and Lud. W. Schmit.

Steps were taken at an early day for the inauguration of simple government among the Palatines, as indicated from the following:

In Council, 17th June 1710. Mr. Cheife Justice Reported to his Excellency that himselfe Mr. Barberie and Mr. Bickley have met on the Reference made to them yesterday to consider of a Scheme for the good Governing the Palatines, and haveing Considered the same, Proposed that Commissions of the peace and other Commissions be Granted to some persons among them for that End and that an Ordinance Issue Impowering to heare and determine Small Causes, all of which his Excellency Referred to Mr. Cheife Justice and Mr. Bickley to prepare such Commissions and Ordinaces.

Dissatisfaction and discontent arose among the Palatines on the Hudson River. It is more than probable that much of this feeling was chargeable to Robert Livingston, who had a contract for providing them with flour, etc., and was also intimately associated with them in other directions, in all of which he made the most of his situation for his personal gain. In a letter written in March, 1711, by a member of the British government to one of his colleagues, the writer says:

I think it unhappy that Colo. Hunter at his first arrival in his government fell into ill hands, for this Livingston has been known many years in that province for a very ill

<sup>1</sup> In Council, June 20, 1710: There having been several Proposals made for the taking many of the Palatine Children for a terme of Yeares and there being many Orphans who are unable to take care of themselves to work, and many who by sickness are rendered incapable of doing any service for some time and in that condition would be a great expence and there being noe Prospect of Settling them this sumer by reason its soe much advanced His Excellency does appoint Doctor Staats and Mr. Van Dam or either of them to take such Proposals for Placing out the Orphans and other Children whose Parents have a numerous family Entering into an Instrument in Writing to Cloath Victuall and use them well and to deliver them to the government when called for.—Doc. Hist. New York, vol. III, p. 553.

man, he formerly victualled the forces at Albany, in which he was guilty of most notorious frauds by which he greatly improved his estate; he has a mill and a brew-house upon his land, and if he can get the victualling of those Palatines who are conveniently posted for his purpose, he will make a very good addition to his estate, and I am persuaded the hopes he had of such a subsistence to be allowed, were the chief, if not the only inducements that prevailed with him to propose to Colo. Hunter to settle them upon his land.

The charitable view of Hunter's conduct is that he was a dupe of Livingston.

On the 30th of May, 1711, the colonial secretary informed the Board of Trade that the Palatines would not work at tar and turpentine making on the Hudson River lands where they had been seated, but were determined to remove to the Schoharie lands where the queen had ordered them. We may be sure that there was very good reason for this action on their part. They were not people who would have become discontented if they had been honorably treated. That they were poorly fed, clothed and housed, cheated in trade, and forced into kinds of work which were distasteful to them, is well known. In reply to a question as to the behavior of his people, Mr. Kockerthal said: "They are all at work and busy, but manifestly with repugnance and merely temporarily; that the tract intended for them [the Schoharie and Mohawk lands] is in their minds a land of Canaan. \* \* \* They will not listen to tar-making."

In the autumn of 1711 Governor Hunter warned the Palatines to "take measures to subsist themselves" during the following winter. Thereupon immediate action was begun for removal to the Schoharie lands. Their own account says: "All hands fell to work and in 2 weeks time clear'd a way thro' the woods of 15 miles long with the utmost toyle and labour, tho' almost starved and without bread." Fifty families reached the Schoharie district, only to learn that the lands had been granted to people in Albany, and to be warned not to settle thereon by the governor. The governor, however, "prevailed with the proprietors of these lands to make an offer of the lands free from all rent or acknowledgment for ten years, and ever after at a very moderate quit rent."

Governor Burnet succeeded Governor Hunter in 1720. Among his instructions from the home government were express directions to remove such of the Palatines as might desire, from their first settlements



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to lands more suitable for them. This action was doubtless precipitated by a strong memorial from the commissioners of the Palatines at Schoharie, which was taken to England in 1718, and the instructions above noted were issued within the next sixteen days.

In October, 1722, a third company of Palatines arrived in New York from Holland, having touched at England on the passage. In the following year a large exodus of the Schoharie Palatines took place to Pennsylvania and other localities, in consequence of the Albany ownership of Schoharie lands, above alluded to. The arrival of the third company from Holland in 1722, and this exodus in 1723, will enable us, as nearly as may be, to fix the date of the first settlement of the Palatines at German Flats. On this important point we shall quote from the late Judge Benton's work, wherein he shows the result of careful and exhaustive research :

On the 21st of November, 1722, Governor Burnet informed the Board of Trade, etc., that he had expected when he was at Albany, to have fixed the Palatines in their new settlement which he had obtained of the Indians for them at a very easy purchase, but in consequence of the divisions among them, and their complaints about the quality of the lands in the new purchase, he concluded not to show any earnestness in pressing them to go on to the lands. But he says there were about sixty families who desired to have a distinct tract by themselves, and being those who had all along been most hearty for the government, he had given them leave to purchase lands from the Indians between the English settlements near Fort Hunter and part of Canada, on a creek called Canada Creek, where they will be more immediately a barrier against the sudden incursions of the French, who made this their road when they last attacked and burned the frontier town called "*Schoneclady*." The Indian deed for the lands at and west of Little Falls, covered in part by the so called Burnetsfield patent, is dated July 9, 1722, anterior to the arrival of the third company of Palatine immigrants, and this fact forces the conclusion that the grantees of the patent were composed chiefly, if not entirely of those Palatines who arrived in 1710, and were first seated on the Hudson River; and this view seems to be strengthened by Governor Burnet's remarks to the Board of Trade. It is quite certain that but few, if any, of the Schoharie people were among the first settlers of the German Flats, unless they straggled from below. But there is no such name as Erghemar, Herkemer or Herkimer in the lists of those who came over in the two first companies of immigrants, nor apparently any name from which *Herkimer* could be derived or coined without violating all known rules of etymology. The Erghemar family were not among the Palatines on Hudson River in 1711, nor of those who remained in New York. They probably arrived with the third company of immigrants in 1722, from Holland, where they had sojourned many years.

At what time these people actually settled upon the lands patented to them by the crown, in the spring of 1725, is perhaps problematical, and rests in tradition. They

were very urgent to remove to a part of the country where they could pursue their vocations and indulge in their own peculiar customs, unmolested by strangers and uncontrolled by colonial task masters; where the lands they tilled were secured to them by all the sanctions of a public grant emanating from the king. They had long felt and known that "patience and hope make fools of those who fill their hands with them." They and their ancestors for three-quarters of a century nearly, had been afflicted with all the worldly evils and miseries that an intolerant and tyrannical hierarchy, supported by absolute despotic governments, could bring upon them; and they had looked to the future with patient and hopeful emotions for a day of deliverance. After twelve years of trial and privation incident to a new climate and a wilderness country, during which time they saw that strangers, and not their families after them, were to be benefited by their labors (no lands had yet been set out to them, by grant from the crown), well might they exclaim that those who endure patiently present wrongs and take no means of relief only to hope for it, were unwise and improvident.

The Dutch recaptured New York in 1673, but it was restored to the English by treaty in 1674. At this time and to the close of the seventeenth century, a very great majority of the people of the province were Low Dutch or Hollanders, and the French of Canada exerted much interest with all the Iroquois Indians, through the agency of the Jesuits and the control of the fur trade, except the Maquaes, Mohocks or Mohawks. The whole country from Albany north to Lake Champlain, and from Schenectady west to Lakes Ontario and Erie was an unbroken wilderness, and it was therefore important that England should strengthen her colony of New York in both directions by planting settlements as barriers against hostile approaches, but she had no people to spare; the continental wars in which she had been long engaged and was then involved, more than decimated her population, and she eagerly embraced the opportunity of sending over the Palatines at the public expense. Governor Burnet, whose talents, learning and kindness commended him to the well disposed colonists, seconded this policy of his government with zeal and success. Little did the governor or the home government then believe they were planting a barrier of stout hearts and sinewy arms on this frontier, which was soon to aid in obstructing the designs of the mother country in one of her most deliberate and best planned campaigns of the Revolution. Nor could these then homeless exiles put aside the curtain of futurity and behold the terrific and tragic scenes which were so effectively and relentlessly enacted upon the soil they had chosen for their homes, and by the power through whose agency they had obtained their promised land.

The precise time when the Palatines made their first lodgment in the county is not ascertained. It was not later than 1725. Some who have speculated upon the subject suppose they came up the Mohawk valley as far as the Little Falls and to the Stone Ridge as early as the year 1720. Their agents, sent to spy out the lands, may have traversed the valley to the western bounds of the territory claimed by the Mohawk Indians as early as 1720, and perhaps before that period; but Governor Burnet had not fixed them in the new settlement he had obtained for them of the Indians, at a very easy purchase, as late as November, 1722, and he that year permitted some of them to purchase lands of the Indians "on a creek called Canada Creek." They secured the carrying place at the lesser falls as well as a long extent of wilderness country above,

by their Indian deed; and the license of the colonial government to make the purchase may have been considered by both parties an authorization for them to remove before the patent was made out, as it no doubt was a solemn, irrevocable public pledge that the lands would be granted by the crown as soon as they should be surveyed. On this hypothesis it may be conjectured that settlements were made at or near the present site of the Stone Church in the town of German Flats, and at Herkimer village as early as the years 1723-24, if not before. Owning the lands at the carrying place, it is not likely that point was long neglected or unimproved.

Burnetsfield patent, so called in popular parlance, is a curious document, and well worthy of some special notice. It was granted on the 30th of April, 1725. It recites that "whereas our loving subjects, John Joost Petri and Coenradt Rickert, in behalf of themselves and other distressed Palatines, by their humble petition presented the 17th day of January, 1722, to our trusty and well beloved William Burnet, Esq., Captain General and Governor-in-chief of the province of New York, in council have set forth that in " accordance with the governor's license they had purchased "of the native Indians in the Mohawks country" the tract of land on both sides of the "Mohawks river" commencing at the "first carrying place [Little Falls], being the easternmost bounds called by the natives Astouregon, running along on both sides of the said river westerly unto a place called Ganondagaraon, or the upper end of it," being "about twenty-four English miles along on both sides of the said river." The Indian deed is dated July 9, 1722. That the council advised the governor to "grant to each of the said persons, man, woman and child, as are desirous to settle within the limits of the said tract of land the quantity of 100 acres."

The grantees were to hold the lands of the crown "in free and common socage, that being the usual tenure named in the colonial grants at this time, as of the manor of East Greenwich, in the county of Kent, in Great Britain, subject to an annual quit-rent of two shillings and sixpence per hundred acres, and on condition that the grantees, their heirs and assigns, should within three years from the date, plant, settle and effectually cultivate at least three acres of land of every fifty acres" granted to them. This patent also contains the usual reservation of gold and silver mines, timber fit for the royal navy, and the right to enter upon the lands and take and carry away the same.

Of the ninety-two persons named in the patent to whom lands were granted, twenty-two appear to be females, by the description, married, single or widowed. The paper does not disclose the number of families or the heads of families represented by males who settled on the tract, or how many one hundred acre lots went to any one family, husband, wife and children. There are several Pellingiers, Starings, Wevers, Smiths, Edicks, Beermans, to whom grants were made. Jurgh Erghemar, Johan Jost, Madalana and Catharina Erghemar are separately named, but Nicholas Herkimer, afterwards the General, was not a patentee.

The following table gives the names of the original patentees, the number of the lots taken by each, and their location. Many of the names will be familiar as still belonging to their descendants in the county, while many of them have been so changed in their orthography as to be scarcely recognizable:

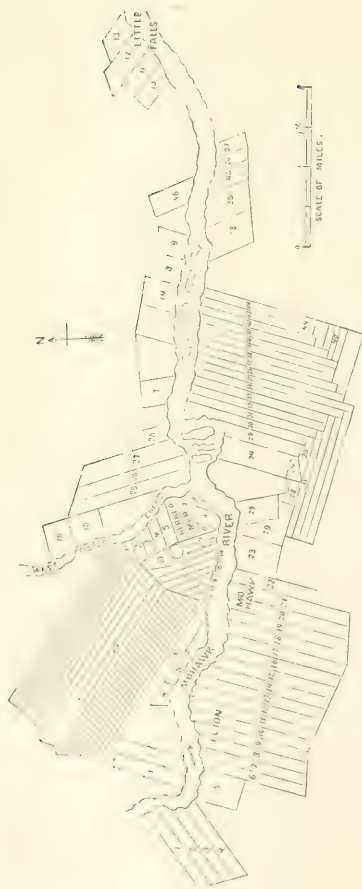


NAMES OF PATENTEES ARRANGED					No of lot.	No of acres in each.	On which side of river located	REMARKS
B.								
1. Beerman, Matv.....	11	1.50	North	At the Little Falls.				
2. Beerman, Johannes,*.....	27	30	"					
3. Same,.....	27	30	"					
4. Beckwith, Jacob.....	27	30	South					
5. Bowman, Johan Adam,...	14	30	North	All the 30 acre lots were set on what were called the Great Flats, in and near the present village of Herkimer. The 70 acre lots are described in the patent as wood land.				
6. Same,.....	14	30	"					
D.								
7. Dacksteler, Anna, wife of Jurgh Dacksteler, ....	27	1	South					
8. Dacksteler, Jurgh.....	17	20	North					
9. Same,.....	15	30	"					
E.								
10. Elch, Elizabeth,.....	5	1.50	"					
11. Elch, John Michael,.....	33	30	South					
12. Elch, Jacob.....	21	30	"	Mohawk Village.				
13. Elch, Michl.....	20	30	"					
14. Erghemar, John Jost,.....	14	30	"					
15. Erghemar, Catharina,.....	24	30	"	And large 180 acre lot on river.				
16. Erghemar, Catharina,.....	27	30	"					
F.								
17. Feller, Nicholas,.....	2	30	North					
18. Same,.....	7	30	"					
19. Feller, Mary, wife of Nicholas Feller,.....	15	1.50	South	Mohawk Valley.				
20. Feltman, Christiant,.....	15	30	"					
21. Feltman, Christiant,.....	15	30	"					
22. Fols, Jacob,.....	2	30	"					
23. Fols, Melgert,.....	2	30	North					
24. Same,.....	2	30	"					
25. Fox, Christopher,.....	27	100	South					
H.								
26. Heger, Henry,.....	2	30	North					
27. Helmer, Elizabeth, wife of Lendert Helmer,...	14	30	"					
28. Helmer, Philip,.....	25	30	"	East side of West Canada Creek.				
29. Helmer, Johan Adam,.....	7	30	"					
30. Same,.....	7	30	"					
31. Helmer, Lendert,.....	24	30	"					
32. Same,.....	1	1.50	"					
33. Helmer, Frederick,.....	1	1.50	"					
34. Helmer, Anna Margaret, wife of John Adam Helmer	30	30	South					
35. Herter, Apolone,.....	27	1.50	"					
36. Herter, Lowrens,.....	27	1.50	South	At the Little Falls.				
37. Hess, Augustines,.....	10	30	North					
38. Hess, Augustines,.....	1	30	South					
K.								
39. Kesler, Nicholas,.....	17	30	"	Near Rankin's Lock.				
40. Kesler, Nicholas,.....	15	30	"					
41. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	North					
42. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	"					
43. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	"					
44. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	"					
45. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	"					
46. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	"					
47. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	"					
48. Kesler, Philip,.....	27	30	"					
49. Korsing, Belia, wife of Rudolph Korsing,...	1	30	South					
50. Same,.....	1	30	"					
L.								
51. Lott, Anna Catharina, widow.....	1	30	North					
52. Same,.....	15	30	"					
M.								
53. Mayor, Hendrik,...	1	30	"					
54. Same,.....	1	30	"					
55. Mayor, Anna,.....	1	30	South	Opposite Great Flats.				
56. Miller, Johannes,...	1	30	"					
N.								
57. Noyes, Frederick,.....	1	30	"					
58. Noyes, Frederick,.....	1	30	"					

\* Two lots of same number to Johannes Beerman.

NAMES OF PATENTEES ARRANGED		No. of lot.	No. of acres in each	On which side of river located.	REMARKS
P.					
48. Pears, Catharine,	23	100	North	Opposite Great Flats.	
49. Pears, Lodowick,	22	80	"	And $\frac{1}{2}$ of an island.	
50. Pell, Frederick,	15	100	"	On east side of West Can-	
51. Pell, Anna Mary,	10	"	"	Same. [ada Creek.	
52. Pellingner, Johannes,	2	"	"		
Same,	2	"	"		
53. Pellingner, Peter,	2	70	"		
Same,	23	"	"		
54. Pellingner, Margaret, wife of Johannes Pellingner,	4	"	"		
55. Pellingner, Frederick,	5	"	South	Near Mohawk Village.	
56. Pellingner, Margaret, wife of Johannes Pellingner,	"	"	"		
57. Petri, Johan Joost,	3	2	North		
Same,	3	2	"		
58. Petri, Gurtruydt, wife of Johan Joost Petri,	17	80	"	Stone Ridge, Herkimer	
59. Petri, Mark,	15	100	South	Village.	
60. Poenradt, Johannes,	40	"	North	Capt. Peter Klock.	
61. Poenradt, Gurtruydt, wife of Johannes Poenradt,	"	"	"		
R.					
62. Reelle, Godfrey,	15	70	North		
Same,	17	70	"		
63. Reele, Godfrey, jr.,	10	100	South	Ilion Village.	
64. Reele, Godfrey,	15	"	"		
65. Rickert, Lodowick,	10	80	North		
Same,	10	70	"		
66. Rickert, Catharine,	3	100	"		
67. Rickert, Conradt,	14	"	South		
68. Rickert, Mark,	6	"	"		
S.					
69. Shoemaker, Rudolph,	17	"	"		
70. Shoemaker, Thomas,	17	"	North		
Same,	12	"	"		
71. Smith, Adam Michael,	4	30	"		
Same,	4	"	"		
72. Smith, Johan Jurgh,	2	20	"		
Same,	6	70	"		
73. Smith, Ephraim,	6	100	South	Ilion Village.	
74. Smith, Marte,	4	"	"		
75. Speis, Peter,	10	"	"		
76. Speis, Elizabeth, wife of Peter Speis,	"	"	"		
77. Spoon, Hendrik,	10	"	"		
78. Spoon, Hendrik, jr.,	2	"	North		
79. Staring, Mary Eva, wife of John Adam Staring,	1	"	"	At the Little Falls.	
80. Staring, John Adam,	6	30	"	And $\frac{1}{2}$ of an island.	
81. Staring, Frederick,	24	"	"		
Same,	4	70	"		
82. Staring, Johannes Velden,	7	100	"		
83. Staring, Nicholas,	40	"	South		
84. Staring, Joseph,	11	"	"		
85. Staring, John Velde, jr.,	1	"	"		
T.					
86. Temouth, John Jost,	11	"	North	At Little Falls.	
87. Temouth, Fredrigh,	17	80	"		
Same,	17	80	"		
V.					
88. Veldeleut, John,	5	30	"		
Same,	5	30	"		
89. Veldeleut, Anna,	2	100	"		
W.					
90. Wever, Jacob,	10	30	"		
Same,	10	70	"		
91. Wever, Nicholas,	15	30	"		
Same,	15	70	"		
92. Wever, Andries,	11	100	South		
93. Wever, Jacob, jr.,	15	"	"		
94. Wellevan, Nicholas,	30	"	"	Ft. Herkimer, Stone Ch.	

\* Same lot to Godfrey Reele and Godfrey Reele, jr.



In the Burnetsfield patent there were forty-six lots on each side of the river. Those embracing the villages of Ilion and Mohawk and the intervening ground were of uniform shape and size. Lots 24 south and 27 and 28 north of the Mohawk, were partly composed of islands in the stream. The broad river bottoms about the site of Herkimer were naturally a coveted portion of the patent; and to give as many as possible of the grantees a share in this choice land, it was not apportioned among a few in 100-acre lots, but was divided as a rule into lots of thirty acres each, and the recipients of these completed their allotments by taking 70-acre lots (of the same number) of the higher wooded ground back of the river. The 30-acre lots covered the site of Herkimer (except one 86-acre piece) and all the vicinity in the angle of the river and West Canada Creek, back to a line passing from the river to the creek a little northwest of the village; while from this line the corresponding 70-acre lots stretched away in a block

northwestwardly for about two miles and a quarter. These large lots ran the whole length of this block, while they were only sixteen rods in width, the object being to give each of them an end toward the flats and as close communication as possible with the low lot belonging to the same proprietor. (The accompanying plan shows the divisions of these lots).

The act of confirmation, January 17, 1723, required that the names and number of all the persons to be concerned in the grant should be certified to the surveyor-general before the survey was made, and as appears by the patent issued, there were only thirty-nine families and ninety-four persons reported.

The Burnetsfield patent was dated April 30, 1725, about two years after the first Palatine settlements in this vicinity. The Burnetsfield grantees held their land subject to a quit-rent of two shillings and sixpence per hundred acres, and were bound to cultivate within three years at least three acres of every fifty given them. "For a long time after the Palatines came to this valley," said Samuel Earl in a historical address, "the heart of their settlement was where the old stone church stands [Fort Herkimer]. Here came the Schoharie Palatines, to the number of thirty families and upwards, in the spring of 1723, and then began the first settlement in this county."

While the impartial reader of this day will readily accord the presumption that the offer by the queen of a haven to the persecuted Germans was a boon of the highest importance, we cannot shut our eyes to the selfishness and injustice of the government and its unprincipled agents who, at the same time, sought to profit through the necessities of the immigrants and to set them up on the frontier as probable targets for the French insurgents.

It was not until 1724, long after Governor Burnet's arrival, that the 6,000 acres purchased of Mr. Livingston fourteen years earlier was secured to the Palatines by patent. This gave each of the families a liberal domain; each of the sixty-three heads of families took what he had held and improved, while the remainder of the tract was left in common.

At one time Governor Burnet contemplated removing the whole of the German population then under his government to the center of the

State, as indicated in his letter of October 16, 1721, to the Lords of Trade, wherein he says: "I did intend to settle the Palatines as far as I could in the middle of our Indians, but finding they could not be brought to that, I have granted their own request which was to have a license to purchase of the nearest Indians, which are on the Mohocks, which I have granted them with this condition, that they be not nearer than a *fall* in the Mohocks River, which is forty miles from Fort Hunter, and four score from Albany, by which the frontier will be so much extended, and those people seem very well pleased and satisfied with what I have done." In his letter of November 21, 1722, he says: "As about sixty families desired to be in a distinct tract from the rest," he gave them leave to purchase from the Indians on the Canada Creek, where they would be more immediately a barrier against the sudden incursions of the French.

### CHAPTER III.

#### THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.

THE time came soon enough when the peaceful German settlers of the upper Mohawk valley were called upon to "stand as a frontier against the French and their Indians." After about thirty-five years of prosperous peace, during which their farms had been cleared, buildings erected, stock and crops raised and defenses established, the shock of the French and Indian war, as it is known, came upon them in November, 1757. The English fort at Oswego and the small fortifications on Wood Creek and the upper Mohawk had been captured in the previous year; and on the 12th of November, 1757, a force of about three hundred marines, Canadians and Indians, under command of M. De Belletre, traversed the wilderness by way of Black River, and attacked and destroyed the Palatine settlements on the north side of the Mohawk at or near the present village of Herkimer. The attack was a surprise and resulted in a cold-blooded massacre, which is described as follows in the bombastic style of the French narrator:

"On the 11th of November, at three o'clock in the forenoon, M. de Belletre, preceded as was his custom by scouts, crossed the river Corlaer [Mohawk] with his detachment, partly swimming, partly in water up to the neck. He encamped at night-fall in the woods a league and a half from the first of the five forts that covered the Palatine settlements.

"The 12th, at three o'clock in the morning, he gave his detachment the order of march and attack so as to surround the said five forts and the entire Palatine village, consisting of sixty houses.

"Though M. de Belletre knew that the English got notice the day preceding, yet that the courage of the Indians may not receive the least check, and to show them that he would not rashly expose them, he liberated an Indian of the Five Nations, whom he had until then detained under suspicion. But this savage could not injure M. de Belletre, because he commenced at the same time to attack the five forts and the Palatines' houses.

"At sight of the first fort he decided to take it by assault. The enemy kept up a most active fire of musketry, but the intrepidity with which M. de Belletre, and all the officers and Canadians of his detachment advanced, coupled with the war whoop of the Indians, terrified the English to the degree that the mayor of the village of the Palatines, who commanded the said fort, opened the doors and asked for quarters.

"M. de Belletre lost no time in repairing to the second, the third, the fourth and fifth, which were not less intimidated than the first, by his intrepidity and the cries of the Indians. They all surrendered at discretion and were entirely burnt.

"During this time a party of Canadians and Indians ravaged and burnt the said sixty houses of the Palatines, their barns and other out buildings, as well as the water mill.

"In all these expeditions about forty English perished--killed or drowned. The number of prisoners is nearly one hundred and fifty men, women and children, among whom is the mayor of the village, the surgeon and some militia officers. We had not a man killed; but M. de Lorimer, officer, was wounded in the right side by a ball, and three or four savages slightly.

"The damage inflicted on the enemy is estimated according to the representations of the English themselves, to wit:

"In grain, of all sorts, a much larger quantity than the island of Montreal has produced in years of abundance. The same of hogs; 3,000 horned cattle; 3,000 sheep. All these articles were to be sent in a few days to Corlaer [Schenectady]; 1,500 horses, 300 of which were taken by the Indians, and the greater number consumed for the support of the detachment.

"The property in furniture, wearing apparel, merchandise and liquor might form a capital of 1,500,000 livres [\$277,500]. The mayor of the village alone has lost 400,000 [\$74,000]. The French and Indians have acquired as rich a booty as they could carry off. They have in specie more than 100,000 livres [\$18,500]. One Indian alone has as much as 30,000 [\$6,550]. There was likewise plundered a quantity of wampum, silver bracelets, &c., scarlet cloth and other merchandise, which would form a capital of 80,000 more. All this damage could not be done short of forty-eight hours. M. de Belletre made provision to be always able to resist the enemy, who as has been ob-

quarter of a league from the field of battle."

Although this account is greatly exaggerated, as was proved subsequently by the narrative of Mr. Daine which was sent to the French minister,<sup>1</sup> especially in regard to destruction of property, it still tells a tale of barbarity most revolting in all its details. The responsibility for this disastrous event is in dispute. William L. Stone, the biographer of Sir William Johnson, exonerates the baronet from blame, while the late Judge Benton throws doubt upon Stone's proofs. It seems almost incredible that Sir William Johnson could have connived for this wanton attack, and no less incredible that he would endeavor to hide his duplicity under proofs deliberately manufactured. Sir William had long before the assault urged the stationing of a force of rangers at the German Flats for scouting purposes. He had characterized the garrisons among the Palatines as being "not only very arrogant and self-sufficient," but "of no use in protecting the Germans." His interest for the welfare of the Germans seems to have continued down almost to the date of the attack. He wrote to the Lords of Trade September 28, 1757, as follows:

The Tuscaroras and Oneidas have not yet made any express declaration to me; they have promised soon to do it. The latter are divided among themselves, and the greater part under the influence of those of their nation whom the French have drawn off to live at Sweegachie on St. Lawrence river, and at whose scalping parties, which molest the German Flats, they do at least connive.

The evidence of Sir William's honor in the matter rests chiefly upon the following: Having been informed that the Indians had not notified the Palatines of the enemy's approach until the morning of the attack, he sent his deputy to make inquiry of several Oneida and Tuscarora Indians who had assembled at the German Flats why they had not given the settlers timely warning. The deputy agent, George Crogin, did not arrive at the scene of desolation until the Indians had left for home; but at his request they returned. His narrative of what then took place states:

estimated at twenty thousand pounds this money," a large discrepancy from that given by the



The aforesaid Indians returned, and on the 30th of November [1757], at Fort Harkeman, Conaghquieson, the chief Oneida sachem, made the following speech to Mr. Croghan, having first called in one Rudolph Shumaker, Hanjost Harkeman and several other Germans, who understood the Indian language, and desired them to sit down and hear what he was going to say. "Brother, I don't want to tell you that we were very much surprised to hear that our brethren, the English, suspect and charge us with not giving them timely notice of the designs of the French, as it is well known we have not neglected to give them every piece of intelligence that came to our knowledge.

"Brother: About fifteen days before the affair happened, we sent the Germans word that some Swegatchi Indians told us the French were determined to destroy the German Flats, and desired them to be on their guard. About six days after that we had a further account from the Swegatchi, that the French were preparing to march.

"I then came down to the German Flats, and in a meeting with the Germans, told what we had heard, and desired them to collect themselves together in a body at their fort, and secure their women, children and effects, and make the best defense they could; and at the same time told them to write what I had said to our brother Waraghiyagey [Meaning Sir William Johnson The Palatines never sent this intelligence]. But they paid not the least regard to what I told them, and laughed at me, saying they did not value the enemy. Upon this I returned home and sent one of our people to the lake [meaning the Oneida lake] to find out whether the enemy were coming or not; and after he had stayed there two days, the enemy arrived at the carrying place, and sent word to the castle at the lake, that they were there, and told them what they were going to do; but charged them not to let us at the upper castle know anything of their design. As soon as the man I sent there heard this, he came on to us with the account that night, and as soon as we received it we sent a belt of wampum to confirm the truth thereof, to the Flats, which came here the day before the enemy made their attack; but the people would not give credit to the account even then, or they might have saved their lives. This is the truth and those Germans here present know it to be so."

The aforesaid Germans did acknowledge to be so, and that they had such intelligence.

GEORGE CROGHAN.

The authenticity of this document is doubted by Judge Benton, while Mr. Stone gave it credence and at the same time claims to have other evidence that the Palatines were promptly and properly warned of the impending attack. Other writers believe that the warning was sent, but that it was delivered in such a manner as to weaken its import in the minds of the settlers. It is a subject that must be left for the historical student to investigate for himself and form his own conclusions.

Judge Benton sums up the consequences of the deplorable event as follows: "These people were then seated on as fertile a spot as any in the State, had good buildings on their farms, and were generally rich.

Their buildings and crops were destroyed by fire, and their horses, cattle, sheep and hogs were many of them killed. Some of the people were slain by the marauders and nearly one hundred carried into captivity. The German minister and a majority of the inhabitants who followed him, saved themselves by going to the fort on the south side of the river, on the morning of the attack. The enemy burned a grist-mill, probably on what is now called Staring's Creek, and a saw mill within a few miles of the settlement. There were about twenty houses between Fort Kouari (Herkimer) and Fall Hill or Little Falls, on the south side of the river at this time, and eight on the north side, which were abandoned for a time when the settlement at Herkimer was destroyed."

On the 30th of April, 1758, the Palatines were again attacked by a large party of Indians and a few French, the assault being directed against the settlement on the south side of the river, near the fort. Lieutenant Blair, of the Rangers, was wounded and about thirty of the inhabitants were killed. It will be of interest to copy the following account of this event from the *New York Mercury* of May 22, 1758:

About 12 o'clock on Monday, the 30th of April last, an Oneida Indian acquainted Captain Herkimer that a party of eighty Indians and four Frenchmen were nigh his fort, and would certainly come down and attack the settlements that day, and advised Captain Herkimer to go into the fort and take as many of the inhabitants with him as he could collect. About 3 o'clock, most part of the inhabitants, having notice from Captain Herkimer, left their houses and assembled at the fort. Four families that fled from Henderson's purchase in the spring for fear of the enemy, could not get in; and had in their houses two Indian traders of the name of Clock, and six wagoners that were carrying Captain Gage's baggage to the fort. At 4 o'clock, all of a sudden, the houses were attacked, and the wagoners, being surprised, ran up stairs, the better to defend themselves. The Indians immediately rushed into the house, and killed and scalped all that were below. Some of the Indians attempted the stairs, but they were knocked down by the wagoners. They then fired up through the loft, and soon were joined by more Indians, who fired many shots quite through the house, and proposed to set it on fire; which intimidated John Ehel, a wagoner, to such a degree that he leaped out of a window, thinking to make his escape, but was soon killed. The other five defended themselves with great intrepidity, having killed one Indian, until they were relieved by a party of Rangers who came to their assistance, and after exchanging a few shots the Indians fled, seeing our people had the advantage of a log fence.

The Palatines received only about four hours' notice of this attack, which fact, in the opinion of Judge Benton, tends to substantiate his



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theory that the settlement was not properly warned of the attack in the previous year.<sup>1</sup>

The French and Indian war closed with the conquest of Canada in 1760, and a period of peace succeeded, which was most grateful to the harassed Palatines. Those who had been carried into captivity returned and again took up the cultivation of their farms and the improvement of their homes. There were at this time nearly five hundred houses in the Mohawk valley between East Canada Creek and Sir William Johnson's residence, and there was rich promise of development of the locality. Several important Indian councils were held in the valley, some of them upon the soil of Herkimer county, between the restoration of peace and the period immediately preceding the outbreak of the Revolution.

In 1763 Nova Scotia, Canada, Cape Breton and other dependencies were ceded by France under the treaty of Paris, to the British crown, and the two Floridas by Spain, thus giving Great Britain control of the entire North American continent. During the preceding three-quarters of a century, and in spite of the four destructive wars, the colonies had greatly developed and improved the country as far as the settlements extended, and were pushing with rapid strides their commercial interests. This latter advancement led the mother country into the imposition of restrictions that threatened to disturb trade, to the great injury of the colonies; this, with burdensome taxation without representation, finally led to the revolt that culminated in the Revolution. It is not the purpose of this work, nor is there space in its pages, to follow in detail the historic events that resulted in the final declaration of independence; but merely to briefly note the conditions that were imposed upon this immediate locality by the great struggle and the part taken in it by the inhabitants of the Mohawk valley.

<sup>1</sup> The old fort at German Flats was called Fort Herkimer; and in 1758 was commanded by Colonel Charles Clinton, father of General James and Governor George Clinton, and grandfather of De Witt Clinton, who was a son of General James Clinton. This officer marched from this fort in the summer of 1758, under General Bradstreet, to Oswego, and thence to the siege of Fort Frontenac [Kingston, Canada]. This expedition was completely successful; the French were not apprised at their approach until they saw them before the walls of their fortress. Among the persons who were afterward distinguished, who accompanied General Bradstreet, were Horatio Gates [to whom Burgoyne surrendered], then a captain, and Nathaniel Woodhull, then a major, afterward first president of the New York Provisional Congress, and who in the Revolution was a general and sealed his attachment to the cause of his country with his blood.

In the Revolutionary War, as far as it pertained to this part of New York, Sir William Johnson exercised a greater influence than any other one person. His power over the Indians was almost unbounded, while his close adherence to the cause of England made him one to be feared in the coming contest. But his influence was not felt among the Palatines as it was farther east in the valley and nearer his home. Sir William died on the 11th of July, 1774, just at the outbreak of the Revolution, but his mantle of partisanship against the colonists fell upon his son, Sir John Johnson, and his nephew, Guy Johnson, and they exercised their powerful influence to hold the allegiance of the Indians to the cause of England. At the same time, it was only a natural result of such a tremendous overthrow of government and its established usages and institutions, that there should be partisans. The epithet of "tory" has come down to us of to-day surrounded with an atmosphere of obloquy and opprobrium which, perhaps, it scarcely deserves. The very principle of free speech, thought and action, which underlies the government that was established by the patriots in the Revolution, would seem to have given the individual of that trying period a certain right to choose as to the direction which his allegiance should take. This would surely be true, were it not that the provocation meted out to the colonists was unbearable. The tory was the patriot in the eyes of the mother country, while the patriot colonist was the rebel of that government. This is not advanced in mitigation of many barbarous deeds by tories and Indians against the suffering settlers in America, but because it may be better to forget, under the softening influence of time, the animosities and differences that could not fail to be stirred into life during such a struggle as our Revolution. But whatever the opinion entertained on this point, it can be truthfully recorded that very few of the Palatines are known to have abandoned their homes and followed the fortunes of the Johnsons. If promises were held out to them as inducement toward such a course, they were generally futile. They had not forgotten the scenes of November, 1757, and April, 1758, when they were left on an unprotected frontier, by those who, possibly, might have given them succor, to the destruction and bloodshed that followed in the wake of a savage foe. And they also had loftier motives to guide them and control them in the course they should pursue in the

contest. They well knew the miseries of serfdom, a concomitant of regal power and the rule of one man. They appreciated the sentiment that man ought not to be burdened unjustly without his consent; and exposed as they were, and suffer as they undoubtedly knew they must in the coming struggle, they still embraced with zeal the cause of the colonies against the mother country and held out firmly to the end.

## CHAPTER IV.

### THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

THROUGH the influence of Sir William Johnson, Tryon county was formed in 1772, with Johnstown, Fulton county, as the county seat, where a court-house and jail were soon erected. At the formation of the new county there were probably about 10,000 inhabitants, most of whom were settled along the Mohawk. The county embraced all of the State west of a line running due north from the Delaware River through what is now Schoharie county, and along the eastern limits of the present counties of Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton, to the Canadian line. Instead of townships, this large territory was divided into five districts, the easternmost one being named Mohawk; this embraced the territory between the eastern line of the county and a line running parallel thereto crossing the Mohawk at the "Noses." The Stone Arabia district extended indefinitely northward from the river between the Mohawk district on the east and on the west from a line running north and south through the State crossing the river at Little Falls. With the same breadth, the Canajoharie district reached southward to the Pennsylvania line. North of the Mohawk River and west of the Stone Arabia district, as far as settlements extended, was the Kingsland district; while south of the river, extending westward from the Canajoharie district to the meridian of Fort Stanwix, and southerly to the Pennsylvania line, was the German Flats district. One year after the formation of these districts, the name of Stone Arabia district was changed to Palatine. The inhabitants of the districts elected on the first Tues-



day in the year, a supervisor, two assessors and one collector for each district. Courts and civil officers were provided, and the first court in the county was held at Johnstown on Tuesday, September 8, 1772.

There was not, perhaps, in the whole country during the period just preceding the Revolution a section of the frontier where a deeper and more active interest was shown in the affairs and prospects of the colonies, than in the Mohawk valley. This was necessarily the case, on account of the intense partisanship of the Johnsons combined with their great power over the Indians on the one hand, and on the other the patriotic loyalty to the colonists of the Dutch in the lower valley and the Palatines farther west. Sir William Johnson had not been dead two months when a public meeting was held in the Palatine district at which a series of resolutions was adopted warmly commendatory of the blessings to be derived from the British government and extolling the duty of every person in submitting to whatever restrictions and burdens the crown saw fit to impose. Then followed the Declaration of Rights by the Continental Congress in September, 1774, and the battle of Lexington, as it is termed, in the spring of 1775. The news of this event was received in Johnstown during a session of the court. The loyalists thereupon undertook a demonstration against the Colonial Congress by circulating a declaration disapproving of the proceedings of that body in the preceding autumn. After much altercation the signatures of a majority of the county officials were obtained to the declaration, which proceeding threw the Whigs into a fever of excitement and indignation. They called public meetings and appointed committees, and adopted an article of association endorsing the action of Congress and pledging the signers to its support.

It soon became apparent that the Johnsons and their allies were not only loyalists of the most determined character, but that they would attempt the suppression of all patriotic demonstration in the county. In view of this condition of affairs the Palatine committee met on the 19th of May, 1775, and addressed a letter to the committee at Albany, in which they represented their circumstances, stating that Johnson Hall was fortified and armed; that Colonel Johnson had stopped two New England men passing up the valley and searched them; recommending that no ammunition be sent up the valley except under the



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inspection of, and consigned to, the committee, to be given out to such shopkeepers as they should approve and concluding: "In a word, gentlemen, it is our fixed resolve to support and carry into execution everything recommended by the Continental Congress, and to be free or die." That expression bears the true ring of patriotism and shows clearly the attitude of the majority of the inhabitants of the valley.

In Campbell's "Annals of Tryon County" the date of the first united meeting of the county committee is given as June 2, 1775, with the following as the names of the committee:

From the Palatine district: Christopher P. Yates, John Frey, Andrew Fink, Andrew Reiber, Peter Waggoner, Daniel McDougal, Jacob Klock, George Ecker, Jun., Harnanus Van Slyck, Christopher W. Fox, Anthony Van Veghten; 11.

From the Canajoharie district: Nicholas Herkimer, Ebenezer Cox, William Seeber, John Moore, Samuel Campbell, Samuel Clyde, Thomas Henry, John Pickard; 8.

From the Kingsland and German Flats districts: Edward Wall, William Petry, John Petry, Augustine Hess, Frederick Orendorf, George Wentz, Michael Ittig, Frederick Fox, George Herkimer, Duncan McDougal, Frederick Helmer, and John Frink; 12.

From the Mohawk district: John Morlett, John Bliven, Abraham Van Horne, Adam Fonda, Frederick Fisher, Sampson Simmons, William Schuyler, Volkert Veeder, James McMaster and Daniel Lane; 10. In all, 41.

Previous to the above named meeting the Mohawk delegates had been influenced by the Johnsons against attending the committee gatherings. Such was the case on the 24th of May, when all the committees met, excepting Mohawk, and unanimously approved of the previous action of the Palatine committee, and voted that Daniel McDougall, for Palatine district, David Cox for Canajoharie, and Edward Wall and Duncan McDougall for German Flats and Kingsland, be sent to Schenectady and Albany to confer with the committees of those places upon the situation, and to procure ammunition, etc. Meanwhile Guy Johnson was secretly active in inciting the Indians to keep alive their memory of Sir William and to hold themselves ready to protect himself and his property. He undoubtedly early saw his impending doom. At the meeting of June 2, above mentioned, a long letter, written in a spirit of patriotic and dignified protest against his disloyal acts and maintaining the position of the committees, was prepared and forwarded to Johnson. This drew from him a reply in which he mildly deprecated the unconstitutional means taken by the colonists to redress their wrongs; excusing the

fortification of his house by his fears of actual danger to himself; denying that he had stopped any travelers, and closing with the assurance that he should always be glad to promote their true interests. But his acts belied his words. He went first to Fort Stanwix and thence to Ontario and Oswego, where he held councils with the Indians and further secured their promised devotion to the king through gifts and rewards. He finally repaired to Montreal where he remained through the war, continuing the discharge of his duties as Indian agent and devoting himself indirectly to the destruction of the people of whom he had written that he "should always be glad to promote their true interests."

In their alarming situation, especially as regarded the attitude of the Six Nations, the colonists made earnest efforts to dissuade them from joining in the approaching struggle. These efforts were successful only with a large part of the Oneidas and the Tuscaroras. The last council held before the war was convened at Albany August 23-31, 1775, and although some assurance was then obtained from the Indians that they would remain neutral, it was not many months before the great body of the Mohawks, Onondagas, Cayugas and Senecas evinced their attachment to the royal cause. Following the flight of Guy Johnson, the colonists found it necessary to keep a close watch upon the movements of Sir John. He was surrounded by a large body of Tories and Indians and left no means untried to harass and annoy the settlers. As a last resort the Tryon county committee resolved to make him speak out his intentions and hold him responsible for his utterances. They accordingly addressed a letter to him, over the signature of Nicholas Herkimer, which contained the following paragraph:

We want to know whether you will allow that the Lieutenants of Johnstown and Albany may form themselves into companies according to the resolutions of our Continental Congress, for the defense of our country's cause; and whether your honor would be ready himself to give his personal assistance to the same purpose.

Sir John's reply left no doubt resting upon his sentiments, at least. It was thus reported to the committee by the messengers who conveyed their inquiries:

In regard of embodying his tenants into companies, he never did forbid them, neither should do it, as they may use their pleasure; but we might save ourselves the trouble, he being sure they would not.

Concerning himself, he said that before he would sign any association, or would lift his hand up against his king, he would rather suffer that his head shall be cut off.

Sir John continued his military preparations about Johnson Hall, and succeeded in keeping the inhabitants of the county in continual alarm. The activity and growing boldness of the tories led to the issuance of an order by Congress to General Schuyler in January, 1776, directing him to take steps to capture the materials of war reported as stored at Johnstown and disarm the tories. With about 700 men General Schuyler proceeded toward Johnstown. At Guy Park, some miles east of Johnstown, Sir John and a party of his followers were encountered. The baronet was at first disposed to assume a belligerent attitude, but he was soon convinced of a better course and asked for twenty-four hours for consideration. This was granted and he returned to the Hall. From Caughnawaga, whither General Schuyler had marched, and where he had met General Herkimer and the militia, an ultimatum was sent to Sir John. He was permitted to retain some family arms and allowed certain liberty in prescribed limits in the eastern part of the State. To this he agreed, but his continued violation of the compact and renewed evidences of his hostility to the cause led General Schuyler to the conclusion that the only proper and safe course was to place him under arrest. An expedition was sent out in May for this purpose and to quell all disaffection about Johnstown. Sir John received information of this movement and he fled with his retainers to Canada, where he accepted a commission as colonel in the British army and formed two battalions of "Royal Greens" from the tories who had accompanied him. They became the bitterest enemies with whom the patriots had to contend.

After the departure of Sir John and his band, who were subsequently followed by other parties of tories, this class of persons made no further hostile demonstrations in the county.

Returning to the subject of military affairs in the county in 1775, the committee of safety organized the militia of the county into four battalions and on the 26th of August transmitted the return, through Nicholas Herkimer, the chairman, to the general committee of safety, then in session in New York, by whom it was approved on the 6th of September. Following is a list of field officers of the four battalions who were nominated in each district :

First battalion Canajoharie district.—Nicholas Herkheimer, colonel; Ebenezer Cox, lieutenant-colonel; Robert Wells, major; Samuel Clyde, adjutant.

Second battalion, Palatine district.—Jacob Clock, colonel; Peter Waggoner, lieutenant-colonel; Harmanus Van Slyck, major; V. Vechten, adjutant.

Third battalion, Mohawk district.—Frederick Fisher, colonel; Adam Fonda, lieutenant-colonel; John Bliven, major; Robert Yates, adjutant.

Fourth battalion, German Flats and Kingsland.—Hanyoost Herkheimer, colonel; Peter Bellinger, lieutenant-colonel; Hanyoost Shoemaker, major; John Demooth, adjutant.

The following are the names of the other officers of the fourth battalion :

1st company.—John Eisenlord, captain; John Keyser, 1st lieutenant; Adam Bellinger, 2d lieutenant; John Smith, ensign.

2d company.—John Petry, captain; Hanyoost Mx. Petry, 1st lieutenant; Hanyoost H. Petry, 2d lieutenant; William Empie, ensign.

3d company.—Daniel Petry, captain; Peter Volts, 1st lieutenant; Marx Raspach, 2d lieutenant; George Helmer, ensign.

4th company.—Frederick Bellinger, captain; Henry Herter, 1st lieutenant; John Demooth, 2d lieutenant; Peter Ja. Weaver, ensign.

5th company.—Peter Bellinger, captain; Jacob Baschawn, 1st lieutenant; Nicholas Staring, 2d lieutenant; John P. Bellinger, ensign.

6th company.—Hanyoost Herkheimer, captain; Frederick Ahrendorf, 1st lieutenant; Tinus Clapsaddle, 2d lieutenant.

7th company.—Rudolph Shoemaker, captain; Deiterick Stale, 1st lieutenant; Frederick Shoemaker, 2d lieutenant.

8th company.—George Herkheimer, captain; Frederick Fox, 1st lieutenant; Archibald Armstrong, 2d lieutenant; Hanyoost Tygert, ensign.

9th company.—William Tygert, captain; Jacob Volts, 1st lieutenant; George Wents, 2d lieutenant; Frederick Frank, ensign.

By a vote of the committee, Nicholas Herkimer was appointed "Chief Colonel, Commander for the County of Tryon."

The year 1777 produced a series of events of remarkable historical importance to the people of the Mohawk valley. In the spring an invasion was threatened by a large force of Indians under the famous Brant. He was met at Unadilla by General Herkimer, with whom he had been on friendly terms. The interview was beset with danger and conflict was narrowly escaped; but it closed without practical results, and Brant returned down the Susquehanna.



On the 3d of August (1777) Fort Schuyler was invested by Colonel St. Leger, with a force of 1,700 men. The approach of this attack was communicated to Colonel Gansevoort and the authorities of Tryon county by the friendly Oneida Indians. The American force at the fort was seven hundred and fifty men, and the supply of ammunition was deficient. The first news of the proposed siege of Fort Schuyler seems to have thrown the inhabitants of the valley into needless alarm which became almost a panic—a condition justified only by their unprotected situation and the probability that they could receive little assistance beyond their own efforts. On the 17th of July General Herkimer issued a proclamation announcing that 2,000 “ Christians and savages ” had assembled at Oswego for a descent upon the Mohawk valley, and warning the people to be ready at a moment's notice to take the field against the enemy, the men from sixteen to sixty for active service, and the aged and infirm to defend the women and children. Of the immediate subsequent operations Judge Benton wrote as follows: “ As soon as the approach of St. Leger to Fort Schuyler was known in Tryon county, General Herkimer ordered the militia of his brigade to rendezvous at Fort Dayton (then called German Flats). This defense was erected in the western part of Herkimer village, and the general soon found himself at the head of about nine hundred men, composed of the three militia regiments commanded by Colonels Klock, Cox, Vischer and some others, with volunteers of officers and men from various parts of the country. The published accounts of the forces collected under General Herkimer on this occasion do not designate the localities from which the several regiments were drawn; enough is known, however, to warrant the assertion that the militia of the German Flats and Kingsland district were attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Bellinger, whose lieutenant-colonel was Frederick Bellinger; major, Enos Klepsattle. The militia of these districts participated in the battle of Oriskany. The alacrity and zeal evinced on this occasion should have entirely eradicated all impressions unfavorable to the patriotic devotion of the inhabitants of the valley, growing out of the expression of despondency in the early part of the year. Surely after this no one could complain of German disloyalty to the cause of the colonists. General Herkimer left Fort Dayton on the 4th of August, and encamped near the Oriskany on the

5th, crossing the Mohawk river at old Fort Schuyler ( now Utica ) on the march up. At this point the general expressed his doubts of the expediency of a forward movement, until reinforcements should arrive, or the prearranged signal should be given by Colonel Gansevoort from the fort. An express, Adam Helmer and two other men, had been dispatched to the fort, informing the commandant of the general's approach, and to arrange matters of co-operation. The messengers did not reach the fort until ten or eleven o'clock in the morning of the 6th. Three successive discharges of heavy ordnance was the signal agreed on, announcing the arrival of the express; the reports of which, it was assumed, could be heard at Herkimer's encampment, eight miles distant from the fort. Recriminatory and insubordinate language was used on the occasion, and the general was denounced to his face as a tory and coward; who replied, that their safety was in his hands, and he desired to avoid all difficulties that could not be surmounted by bravery and good conduct. On this occasion the general told some of his subordinates, who had been noisy and liberal in their accusations of his fidelity and courage, that they would be the first to run on the approach of the enemy; which was soon verified to the very letter.

" All previous accounts had fixed St. Leger's forces at 2,000 strong, nearly half of which were Indians led by Brant, a brave, active and artful Mohawk sachem. Herkimer knew this, and he no doubt believed, as well he might, that a force superior to his own could be sent against him, which would select its own battlefield, without in any way interfering with the investment of the fort. But noisy insubordination prevailed, and precipitated the little band of patriots into the jaws of death. Smarting under the repeated accusations heaped upon him, and irritated no doubt, the general gave orders to take up the line of march, which was received with cheers by the men, who proceeded rapidly on their way, two deep, having thrown out the usual advanced and flanking parties.

" At 10 o'clock on the 6th the main body of troops passed over a causeway on a marshy ravine, the advance having commenced an ascent of the westerly slope, when a well directed fire from the enemy, in front and on both flanks, accompanied with the dismal Indian war-whoop, unfolded to the American general that his division had become involved

in an almost inextricable ambushade. Retreat was impossible, for the causeway over the marsh was already blocked up with teams; and the rear guard, just commencing the descent of the eastern declivity, commanded by one of the officers who in the morning had taunted his general with cowardice, turned and fled on the first fire of the enemy. But flight did not save them from the fate that awaited their comrades on the west side of the ravine; the enemy, knowing well the ground, had gained the rear, and shot down the fugitives as they ran away from their companions. As might well be expected, the suddenness of the attack and the intensity of the enemy's fire, not only produced great disorder among the provincials, but annihilation seemed almost inevitable for a time.

"In this disorder the conflict raged about half an hour, when the Americans formed themselves into circular squads, the more effectually to repel the attacks of the enemy, who were steadily approaching on all sides; and, from this moment, resistance became more effective. The enemy then charged with bayonet, but they were met by brave hearts and strong arms, and thus the battle raged, until the parties were compelled to desist by a heavy shower of rain, which raged with great fury more than an hour. The enemy sought the best shelter they could find, at a good distance from the provincials, when the latter, under the directions of their general, occupied a favorable piece of ground, and then so formed themselves as to be able to repel an attack from any quarter. The fight was renewed, but the Indians, suffering severely by the deadly fire of the militia, began to give ground, when a detachment of Johnson's Greens, composed chiefly of loyalists who had fled from Tryon county, were brought into action face to face with many of their former neighbors. Then mutual hate and revenge raged with unspeakable intensity between the combatants, and the conflict now became, if possible, more a death struggle than ever.

"In the mean time, while the battle was the most fierce, a firing was heard in the direction of the fort; no unwelcome sound, as may well be supposed, to the handful of surviving provincials, nor very gratifying to the enemy. During the conflict at the Oriskany, a well conducted sortie from the fort, under the command of Colonel Willett, was made upon the forces under St. Leger, for the purpose of drawing the enemy's

attention to the preservation of their camp in that direction. This was well understood by the provincials, and in it they saw great hope of deliverance. This was not a fight suited to the taste of savages, who found *their* numbers fast diminishing, nor could such a contest be long maintained with much hope of survivorship by either party. '*Oonah,*' the retreating cry of the Indians, was heard in the distance, and their flight commenced with a salute of shouts and bullets from the surviving provincials. The Greens and Rangers soon followed the example of their illustrious allies by a precipitate retreat, abandoning their dead and wounded, and the deeply crimsoned battlefield in the undisputed possession of the Tryon county militia. Was this a victory, or a defeat of the provincials? By all the laws of war, they are victors who remain masters of the battle-ground. The American report gave the number of provincial militia killed, two hundred, besides the wounded and prisoners. The British accounts state the killed at four hundred, and two hundred prisoners, making in all six hundred, besides the wounded. Now in modern warfare, and in the severest battles, the wounded are more than two to one of the killed, say nothing about prisoners. The British accounts do not claim there was over one thousand militia on the march at this time to raise the siege of Fort Schuyler. Surely four hundred killed, eight hundred wounded and two hundred prisoners, out of one thousand, is making sad havoc in the fighting line. But this is not so; and St. Leger, when he gave this statement of killed and prisoners to General Burgoyne, was indulging not a little in the M. de Belletre vein.

"The battle was a severe one. The severest, perhaps, for the number engaged, that took place during the whole Revolutionary War. And from the character of the combatants, the surprise, and the disadvantages under which the provincials labored during the whole six hours' conflict, the proportion of the killed to the wounded must have been greatly beyond what ordinarily occurs in the hardest actions, where firearms are used as the principal weapon of assault and defense."<sup>1</sup>

In his account of the battle of Oriskany published in 1877, William L. Stone gives the following list of officers of the Tryon county militia who were killed or wounded in the engagement:

<sup>1</sup> *Proceedings of the Herkimer County Historical Society, 1877, pages.*

In Colonel Visscher's regiment, Captains John Davis and Samuel Pettingill, killed; Major Blauvelt and Lieutenant Groat, taken prisoners and never afterwards heard of; Captain Jacob Gardinier and Lieutenant Samuel Gardinier, wounded. In Colonel Jacob Klock's regiment, Major John Eisenlord and Major Van Slyck (Palatine district) and Captain Andrew Dillenback (Palatine district), killed; Captain Christopher Fox and John Breadbeg (Palatine district), wounded; Brigade Major John Frey (Palatine district), wounded and prisoner. In Colonel Peter Bellinger's regiment, Major Enos Klapsattle, Captain Frederick Helmer, and Lieutenant Petrie (all of German Flats), killed; Lieutenant-colonel Frederick Bellinger and Henry Walradt (German Flats), prisoners. In Colonel Ebenezer Cox's regiment, Colonel Cox and Lieutenant-colonel Hunt (Canajoharie district), killed; Captains Henry Dievendorff, Robert Crouse and Jacob Bowman (all of Canajoharie district), killed; Captain Jacob Seeber and Lieutenant William Seeber (both of Canajoharie district), mortally wounded. The surgeon, Moses Younglove, was taken prisoner. Among the volunteers not belonging to the militia, who were killed, were Isaac Paris (Palatine district), Samuel Billington (Palatine district), John Dygert and Jacob Snell (Manheim).

Colonel Gansevoort refused to surrender Fort Schuyler on any terms offered by St. Leger, and the latter undoubtedly feared the consequences of prolonged delay after the battle of Oriskany. An effort was therefore made by Sir John Johnson and Colonels Claus and John Butler, who were among the besiegers, to detach the inhabitants of the valley from the patriot cause by sending emissaries among them with incendiary proclamations. Knowledge of a secret meeting of tories to be held at the house of a Mr. Shoemaker reached Colonel Weston at Fort Dayton, who immediately sent a party and surprised and captured Lieutenant Walter N. Butler, of St. Leger's army, with twenty eight soldiers and Indians, who had come to German Flats on a mission from Sir John Johnson. Butler was tried as a spy and sentenced to death, but was reprieved and sent to Albany as a prisoner. He finally made his escape and became one of the most dastardly and bloodthirsty tories of his time. His final fate is noticed a little further on.

The American General Arnold arrived at Fort Dayton about the middle of August, at which point troops were gathering with the purpose of relieving Fort Schuyler. Arnold issued a proclamation to counteract the efforts of Johnson and Claus on the 20th of August, and on the 23d left Fort Dayton with his soldiers, determined to risk a battle with the superior numbers of the enemy at Fort Schuyler. After half a day's march he met a courier from Colonel Gansevoort with the news that the siege was raised. This happy result was accomplished through

a ruse devised by General Arnold, in which an ignorant and half-witted person named Han Yost Schuyler who leaned towards the tory element and was captured with the others at Shoemaker's house, was the active instrument. He had been sentenced to death, but upon intercession by his mother and brother, it was stipulated that his life would be spared if he would proceed to St. Leger's headquarters in company with a friendly Oneida Indian, and find some way to so alarm the enemy that they would retreat. Han Yost gladly accepted the mission and left his brother Nicholas as a hostage. Schuyler's wits were sharpened by his danger, and he cunningly fired numerous holes in his garments to indicate that he had fled for his life, and started with the Indian for St. Leger's camp. He went by one road and the Indian by a different one, it being arranged that they should not recognize each other when they met. Being well known as a loyalist, the ignorant German found willing listeners in the British officers, and he soon impressed them with the danger of continuing the siege. The Indian corroborated the story, and the effect was all that could have been desired; the army retreated, accompanied as far as Wood Creek by Han Yost, who then left them and returned to Fort Schuyler the same evening. The commander of the fort was then able for the first time to understand the sudden departure of the enemy.<sup>1</sup>

The remainder of the year 1777 was not marked by any important occurrence that deserves notice here. The inhabitants of the county proceeded with the spring work on their farms in 1778, in the hope of reaping a harvest in the autumn. They were doomed to disappointment.

On the 25th of June the following appointments were made by the governor and council to the regiment of militia in the German Flats and Kingsland districts:

Field Officers and Regimental Staff.—Peter Bellinger, colonel; Frederick Bellinger, lieutenant-colonel; George Demoth, adjutant; Rudolph Steinhilber, quartermaster.

Michael Ittig, captain; Jacob Baulcom, first lieutenant; Frederick Frank, second lieutenant; Patrick Campbell, ensign.

<sup>1</sup> Although the ruse was successful, it failed to frighten Arnold. Loring Barber doubts the effect of the plan, and says that the British were not so easily deceived as the Americans supposed. He says that the British were not so easily deceived as the Americans supposed, and that the extreme probability that nothing would better have pleased the rash American General Arnold at that time than an opportunity to flog the "banditti of robbers, murderers and traitors," as he had characterized the forces under St. Leger; and that he would not, therefore, have adopted a plan to frighten them beyond his reach.

Henry Harter, captain; John Demoth, first lieutenant; Peter Ja. Weaver, second lieutenant; John F. Bellinger, ensign.

Jacob Small, captain; George F. Helmer, second lieutenant; Jacob D. Petrie, ensign.

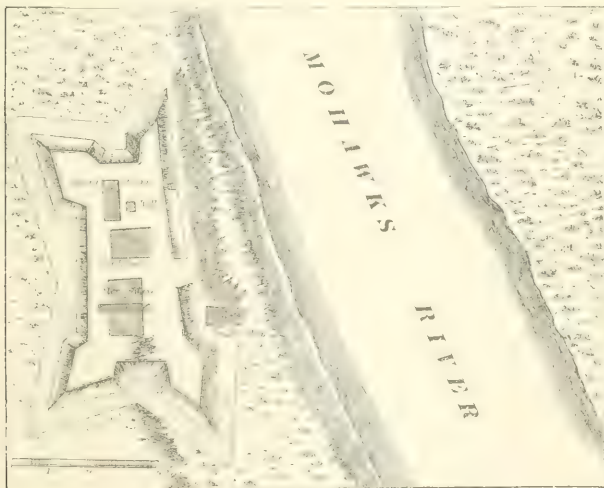
Henry Staring, captain; Theobald Baker, first lieutenant; George Weaver, second lieutenant.

Soverenus Cassleman, captain; Henry Huber, first lieutenant; Jacob G. Klock, second lieutenant.

Frederick Getman, captain; Jacob Meyer, second lieutenant; John Meyer, ensign.

Henry Eckler, captain; Conrad Orendorff, first lieutenant; Timothy Frank, second lieutenant; Adam A. Staring, ensign.

The nine companies formed in 1775 were thus reduced to seven by the casualties of the war. The names of Herkimer and Shoemaker had disappeared from the rolls, and only one of the Petries was left.



Plan and Profile of Retrenched Work round Harkemeis house at y° German Flats, 1756

The first hostility in the county in 1778 occurred in what is now the town of Warren, when Brant and a few of his followers attacked and burned a settlement called Andrustown, killed five persons and cap-



tured the remainder of the seven families living there. This event occurred in July, and in the following month and the first days of September, the Palatine settlements were destined to suffer at the hands of the enemy. At this time, as the reader has already learned, there were two fortifications for the protection of the upper valley: Fort Herkimer, near the south bank of the Mohawk river, containing the stone church and the stone mansion of the Herkimer family, with some other buildings, and surrounded by a ditch; and Fort Dayton, on a slight elevation in the westerly part of Herkimer village, a few rods from the site of the present court-house. These forts, while they would appear as insignificant defenses from the standpoint of modern warfare, were then quite effective protection against the arms of that period. There were then about seventy dwellings on both sides of the river in the neighborhood of the two forts, besides barns, other out-buildings and mills, with a large population in proportion to the number of houses. Brant had remained quiet at Unadilla for a long time, a fact that aroused the suspicions of the inhabitants of the valley, and they finally sent four men as scouts to learn the Indian's intentions. The scouts fell in with the moving enemy and three were killed, while the fourth, John Helmer, escaped by flight, returned to the fort and reported the approach of Brant and a large body of Indians and tories. The terror-stricken people fled into the forts, carrying with them their most valuable possessions.

The Indian chief at the head of three hundred tories and about half as many savages approached the settlement just at nightfall, but as the weather was stormy they remained near the dwelling of Shoemaker, the tory sympathizer, until morning, when the torch was applied to every building in the settlement and to the stacks of hay and grain, while the stock of the farmers was afterward driven away. Only two persons lost their lives, thanks to the escape and return of John Helmer with the news of the intended attack. It is recorded that sixty-three dwellings, fifty-seven barns, three grist-mills and two saw-mills were burned; and 235 horses, 229 cattle, 269 sheep and 93 oxen were driven away. About 400 militia followed in pursuit of the enemy as far as Unadilla, but the chase was fruitless. It seems sadly unfortunate that there could not have been a force of soldiers from the

general army provided at one of these forts, sufficient to have left the defenses and attacked such a body of marauders at such a time ; but by the student of the records of the great struggle it is known that the numbers of the army were inadequate to the protection of an extended frontier, and at the same time prosecute the war at many vastly more important points.

This destructive raid seems to have satisfied the tories and Indians that they had accomplished all the damage possible for a considerable period. The lower valley and other localities received the incursions of the enemy, while the German Flats and what is now the territory of Herkimer county was exempt from attack. On the 3d of April, 1780, about sixty tories and Indians descended upon the settlements of Rheimensnyder's Bush, a few miles north of Little Falls, and burned a grist-mill. A tory named Cassleman was with the party. They took John Garter and his son John prisoners at the mill, and captured three men in the road, one of whom was Joseph Newman ; at the same time, John Windecker, Henry Shaver, George Adle, Cobus Van Slyke and one Youker (or Uker), with several others, were taken at Windecker's father's house some distance north of the mill. All of these returned at the close of the war excepting John Garter, who died in Canada from punishment received for an attempt at escape, and George Adle, who escaped and returned earlier. Others of the inhabitants of Rheimensnyder's Bush secured refuge in the block-house in the settlement. After this visit of the Indians, the people of that part of the county left their farms and retired to the lower part of the valley.

In the month of May, 1781, Fort Schuyler was so far destroyed by flood and fire as to lead to its abandonment and the withdrawal of the garrison to the German Flats; but this was not a severe affliction, nor did it greatly weaken the situation of the settlers in Tryon county. On the 8th of May, of this year, Solomon Woodworth, a brave lieutenant in Colonel John Harper's New York regiment, was appointed first lieutenant in Colonel Fisher's regiment of Tryon county militia. With a company of forty rangers he was stationed at Fort Dayton, for the purpose of scouting the country north of the Flats. Lieutenant Woodworth and his company left the fort to reconnoiter the Royal Grant. After a few hours' march they came upon an Indian, fired on him, and found

themselves in an ambuscade and completely surrounded by savages. A bloody conflict followed, and the hand-to-hand fight left only fifteen of the Americans to return with the news of the fate of their comrades. Among the killed was Woodworth. This encounter "took place about three miles north of Herkimer village, on the east side of the West Canada Creek, in a deep ravine, where now may be seen the mound of earth, under which rest the remains of the gallant Woodworth and his brave companions." <sup>1</sup>

One of the most notable incidents in this section, though partaking of a personal character, occurred on the 6th of August, 1781, when the small settlement of Shell's Bush, about three miles north of Fort Dayton, was visited by a party of about sixty Indians and Tories, under command of Donald McDonald, a notorious Scotch refugee from Johnstown. A large portion of the inhabitants of the Bush probably received notice of the visit and sought shelter in Fort Dayton; but John Christian Shell was made of sterner stuff, and he, with his resolute wife and six sons, resolved to enter his block-house, which he had built upon his farm, and fight it out. Two of the boys, however, were twins only eight years old, and being out in the field were unable to reach the shelter, nor could the others reach them without sacrificing themselves, and the little fellows were carried away to Canada. Shell's block-house was built of logs and in the lower story were a heavy door and loop holes, while the second story projected over the first and the floor of the projection was pierced with holes down through which the inmates could fire upon an attacking party, however close to the walls they might be. Shell's wife made herself of the utmost usefulness in loading the guns for her husband and four sons to fire, and under the perpetual shower of well-aimed bullets the enemy was several times forced to retire. Attempts were made to fire the block-house, but without success, and McDonald himself made an effort to force the door with a crow bar, but was wounded in the leg and dragged into the block-house by Shell. This capture protected Shell from being burned out by the enemy and also gave him a supply of ammunition. At one time in the assault, just after a short respite, the enemy came up for a vigorous attack and thrust the muzzles of their guns through the loop holes. This was Mrs.

Shell's opportunity, and she disabled five of the guns with a blow from an axe. Just at dark Shell practiced a little stratagem which led the party to believe that relief was coming from the fort, and they fled to the woods. McDonald was taken to the fort the next day and his leg amputated. Eleven of the enemy were killed and six wounded and left. The little boys reported on their return after the war, that of twelve wounded which the party started away with, nine died before reaching Canada. In the following year Shell was dangerously wounded by a bullet while at work in his field. Two of his sons were with him, and one was killed before relief came from the fort. John Christian Shell did not long survive his wounds, and died a good Christian. Judge Benton wrote as follows:

"The Shellbush settlement is on what is usually called Gens Purchase, embracing perhaps some portion of the Royal Grant, and it will be observed that the name of Shell, Schel or Shaul does not occur among the patentees of Burnetsfield, nor is the name found in the list of Palatines remaining in New York, or taken to Livingston Manor, of the first two companies that emigrated. Enough is still known of him to authorize the conclusion that he was a German Lutheran, and he or his ancestors may have come over with the third body of immigrants in 1722, or at a later period."

On the 24th of October of this year (1781) an expedition under Major Ross and Walter N. Butler made an incursion into the lower valley and repeated the bloody and barbarous deeds before enacted by these infamous Tories in other localities. After burning and destroying everything in their course, they retreated in a northerly direction through Jerseyfield. Colonel Willett learned of the raid, destroyed their bateaux left on Oneida Lake, and reached German Flats by forced marches to intercept their retreat on West Canada Creek. They encamped the first night in a thick forest on the Royal Grant, and there the colonel learned from his scouts the position and force of the enemy. The next morning he started in pursuit, but Ross was equally alert and began his retreat at break of day. Willett came up with the enemy in the afternoon, and a skirmish followed with the rear of the party, in which several of them were killed and some taken prisoners, among the latter being Lieutenant John Rykeman. The Americans overtook the main

body of the enemy soon afterward, and a running fight was kept up until they crossed the creek late in the day. Butler rallied his men and made a stand on the west bank, and a brisk action took place, the parties being on opposite sides of the creek. About twenty of them were killed and among them Butler himself.<sup>1</sup> With his death his men fled in confusion and were pursued by Willett until darkness fell. The enemy continued in retreat all night and marched thirty miles before a halt was made. The British had 670 men in this expedition, and it closed the active operations of the enemy in this vicinity for the year.

At the close of Willett's pursuit of the British on the expedition above described, he returned to Fort Dayton, having lost only one man.

The next event of importance to the people of Herkimer county took place in June, 1782, when a party of Indians and Tories appeared at the Little Falls, apparently for the sole purpose of destroying a grist-mill. This mill was of great usefulness to the settlers in the valley, especially after the destruction of those at the German Flats by Brant more than a year earlier. When the enemy reached the mill it was occupied by Peter Wolleaver, Christian Edick, Frederick Getman, Marks Rasbach, John Rasbach, Thomas Shoemaker, Lawrence Hatter, Jacob Petri, Daniel Petri (who was killed), Peter Orendorff; Gershom Skinner and F. Cox, millers; and a sergeant and six men from Captain McGregor's company. Hardly a shot was fired by the Americans. Two of the soldiers escaped and five were taken prisoners. Cox and Skinner hid themselves in the raceway under the water-wheel and escaped; two others, Edick and Getman, jumped into the raceway and endeavored to conceal themselves, but the burning mill disclosed their hiding place and they were taken prisoners.

This was the last serious incursion into the Mohawk valley during the Revolution. Towards the close of the year the British commander-in-chief directed that no more Indian expeditions should be sent out at the

<sup>1</sup> It is probable that the account related by participants in the battle, and other persons present, is correct, although it differs from the usual version, and afterwards murdered while supplicating for mercy, and still others that he reached the opposite bank of the creek where he stepped upon a fallen tree and defied his pursuers, whereupon he was shot by two persons at the same time. There is no good reason for doubting Colonel Willett's official statement that Butler was instantly killed in the course of the firing across the creek; in any event the question has been given much more importance than it ever deserved.



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north, and those already out were recalled. The dawn of peace was at hand. In February, 1783, the forces under Colonel Willett were concentrated at Fort Herkimer, with the purpose of surprising and capturing the fortress at Oswego ; but the expedition failed on account of the small number of troops engaged and lack of proper armament to besiege the works. Colonel Willett returned to Albany in time to share in the joys caused by the declaration of peace.

On the 7th of March, 1788, the boundaries of several counties in the State were more definitely described, among them being Montgomery. Two of the towns established at this time, German Flats and Herkimer, contained most of the territory of the present Herkimer county, with much besides. The western boundary of both of these towns was a north and south line which crossed the Mohawk, "near and on the east side of the house of William Cunningham." This house stood near the foot of Genesee street, Utica. The original town of Herkimer extended north to the St. Lawrence and was bounded on the east by a line running north from Little Falls. German Flats was bounded on the north by the Mohawk ; on the east by the line now forming the eastern bounds of Little Falls and Warren, and included all of the present towns of Herkimer county west of the latter line, excepting a part of Winfield. The town of Palatine adjoined Herkimer on the east, and Canajoharie lay next to German Flats. A part of Palatine was annexed to Herkimer town in 1791 ; Warren was taken from German Flats in 1796, and Litchfield from the same town at the same time ; and in 1797 Salisbury was set off from Palatine. In the following year Norway and Schuyler were taken off from Herkimer, Newport was taken off in 1806, and a few other territorial changes were made in the town.

After the close of the Revolution a New England element was rapidly introduced into the Mohawk valley, bringing with it the characteristic thrift and enterprise and push of that people. It was mainly through their influence that the separation of Herkimer from Montgomery county was effected on the 16th of February, 1791. The petition in opposition to the measure was dated December 29, 1790, and was drawn by Dr. William Petry. Among the 400 signatures are found nearly all the old Palatine names.

The first reduction of the originally vast territory of Herkimer county occurred in the formation of Onondaga from it, March 5, 1794. Ham-

ilton was taken off March 31, 1797. The formation of Chenango and Oneida, March 15, 1798 (the latter including Lewis), consumed most of the original territory of Herkimer county till then remaining outside of its present limits, and gave the county its present western boundary. Its north line was established by the creation of St. Lawrence, March 3, 1802; and the present outline of Herkimer county was completed by moving the original eastern line eastward to its present position, April 7, 1817. The county is the longest in the State, the northernmost point of Wilmurt being a little over ninety miles from the southernmost point of Warren.

The court-house and jail for Montgomery county were located at Whitesboro, now in Oneida county, and thus remained until the erection of Herkimer county.

Smarting under the inflictions of the enemy in the Revolutionary war the colonists took prompt steps after the close of the war to organize their militia for protection against future aggression, which proved to be a wise course. In 1786 the local militia of the German Flats and Kingsland districts was reorganized and officered as follows:

1st company—Jacob Petrie, captain; Dederick Petrie, lieutenant; William Feeter,<sup>1</sup> ensign.

2d company—Jacob Petrie, captain; Dederick Petrie, lieutenant; William Feeter,<sup>1</sup> ensign.

3d company—Adam Staring, captain; Ludwick Campbell, lieutenant; Lawrence Harter, ensign.

4th company—Peter P. Bellinger, captain; Jost Herkimer, lieutenant; Peter Fox, ensign.

5th company—Michael Meyer, captain; Peter F. Bellinger, lieutenant; George Weaver, ensign.

6th company—William Colbreath, captain; Daniel C. White, lieutenant; George J. Weaver, ensign.

Besides the above a company of cavalry was organized, under command of Captain Hudson, of what is now the town of Danube, and after-

<sup>1</sup> William Feeter was born in March 1750, appointed captain in the militia being commissioned in two companies, and in April, 1796, was commissioned second major in Jacob Petrie's company. In 1797 he was commissioned first major, and in 1802 was commissioned lieutenant-colonel, all these offices being in the Herkimer county militia. He died at Little Falls, N. Y., in 1830.

wards under command of Peter Young, of Fort Plain, who was succeeded by Captain Wemple, and he by Jacob Eacker, of Palatine. On the 10th of April, 1812, Congress authorized the drafting of one hundred thousand men from the militia of the country, 13,500 being the New York quota. A few days later the State militia was formed into two divisions and eight brigades. The Fourth Brigade comprised the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Regiments in the Mohawk valley, and was under command of General Richard Dodge, of Johnstown.

The causes that led to the outbreak of the war need not be catalogued here. To abolish the repeated violations of the Embargo Act on the Canadian frontier, a regiment of the militia under Colonel Christopher Bellinger was stationed, in May, 1812, at Sackett's Harbor and other northern points. Upon the declaration of war in the following month, this body of troops was reinforced from the militia not yet called into service. During the war the militia and volunteers from the Mohawk valley were on duty along the frontier, the regiments and companies, when their terms of service expired, being replaced by others. Records are not accessible from which to obtain a list of those who served in this struggle from Herkimer county, but previous to 1859 records in the adjutant-general's office at Albany show that about 230 men from the county had presented claims to the State for various equipments furnished by themselves.

With the close of the war the militia returned to their homes and the peaceful arts were taken up. The militia then comprised all able-bodied citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years with certain exemptions. This organization, with minor changes, was substantially continued down to near the outbreak of the Civil War, 1861-5.

With the development of the valley and especially of the rich territory farther west, the necessity of better and more rapid means of transportation of freight and passengers became paramount, and soon led to the construction of the Erie Canal. This great undertaking had been discussed since 1807, and in the following year a preliminary survey was made by James Geddes, of Onondaga. His report was favorable for a canal on substantially the line which it finally followed, and the Legislature thereupon appropriated \$3,000 for additional explorations and sur-

veys, which were carried out in 1810. The war with Great Britain delayed the beginning of the work, but it was revived as soon as peace was declared, and in 1817 De Witt Clinton, who was a staunch friend to the enterprise, procured the passage of an act creating a commission to take up the work, and construction was actually begun in the spring of that year. It was more than two years before any part of the canal was ready for use. On the 22d of October, 1819, the first boat, called the *Chief Engineer*, was launched at Rome, to run between that place and Utica. On the 21st of July, 1820, tolls were first levied. In the previous autumn the canal was filled with water from the west to within two miles of Frankfort, where a dam was constructed to retain the water while the excavation was progressing eastward. The canal was used between Utica and Little Falls in the fall of 1821, the contractor at the latter point availing himself of the works of the Inland Lock Navigation Company, and that portion east to the Hudson was under contract. In the spring of 1823 the canal was open throughout from Spraker's to the western part of the State, and on the 26th of October, 1825, the great waterway was open from Black Rock at Lake Erie to the Hudson River. On the morning of that day a flotilla of boats started from Lake Erie for New York, in celebration of the event, carrying the governor, commissioners and others. Cannon had been stationed at intervals along the canal, to be fired when the boats passed, thus notifying the next station that all was going well. One of the guns was planted at Little Falls, one at Herkimer lock, and one on the hill in the present Frankfort cemetery. The flotilla proceeded to Albany, after a passage marked with public demonstrations of enthusiasm along the whole line.

The completion of the canal revolutionized travel and traffic through the Mohawk valley, as it did throughout the State. The Mohawk River and the Navigation Company's canals were abandoned, and an active competition between the old-time stages and the new thoroughfare sprang up. Travel greatly increased and the eastern markets were made easily and cheaply accessible for the agricultural products of the State, thus aiding in the development of the country. As an evidence of the rapidity with which the canal was brought into use, ~~and~~ <sup>as regards</sup> freight, it may be stated that the num-

ber of canal boats which arrived in Albany during the season of 1823, was 1,329; during that of 1824, 2,687; during that of 1825 it was 3,336, and in 1826 it was about 7,000. The rate of transportation on the turnpike in 1826 was one and one-half cents per mile; the rate by the canal was five mills. But it must not, therefore, be inferred that all passengers deserted the stage coaches for the packet boats. The canal passage was still tedious compared with that by land and was chosen by those who desired to lessen the fatigue of a journey; it was avoided where time was of special account. Merchants, bankers and tradesmen, bound to and from the metropolis, lawyers in their journeys to courts, and all who were fulfilling engagements or intent only on business, made use of the stages until after railroads were built.

But a spirit of enterprise was abroad. If the canal had proved itself of such immense importance, still more rapid and extensive transportation facilities would, the progressive people argued, give the rich fields of the Mohawk valley precedence over any other part of the State. When the canal was opened to the public there was not a railroad in America. That was only sixty-five years ago. But the steam locomotive was already attracting attention on both sides of the Atlantic. In April, 1826, when the canal was just coming into full operation, a charter was granted to the "Mohawk and Hudson River Railroad Company," to construct a railroad between Albany and Schenectady. It was more than four years before the work was begun under this charter, and in the mean time railroads in other States had been completed, and the Auburn and Syracuse Railroad, chartered in May, 1834, was opened and first operated by steam in 1839. In August, 1830, work was begun on the Albany and Schenectady road, and it was so energetically advanced that in October, 1831, it was finished and carrying about four hundred passengers daily on the average. The road, although crude in its construction, and running so slow that the packet canal boats were strong rivals, was successful, and in 1833 a charter was granted for the Utica and Schenectady Railroad. The line was to run on the north bank of the Mohawk River and the road to be finished within ten years from the date of the charter. Work was begun in the fall of 1834, and in the summer of 1836 the road was completed, and regular traffic was

began on the 2d of August of that year. The event was celebrated by public demonstrations all along the line. These railroad lines, with those running west from Utica, were consolidated into the New York Central in 1853.

While all these added transportation facilities were of great benefit to the State and country at large, it cannot be said that the Mohawk valley shared in it for a number of years after their construction. The lumber interest, perhaps, was extended directly by the canal and railroads until a large portion of the county was cleared of valuable timber; even in recent years the northern parts of the county have found in this industry their greatest source of wealth. But the opening to eastern markets of the rich fields of the so-called "Genesee country" in competition with the products of Herkimer and adjoining counties, worked seriously to the disadvantage of the latter, imposing conditions that continued to be felt until the later wonderful growth of the dairy industry.

Meanwhile the county rapidly advanced in all the various institutions that constitute the progressive American community. Further town divisions were made, as necessity seemed to demand, Manheim being formed from Palatine in 1817; Winfield from Litchfield, Richfield (Otsego county) and Plainfield (Otsego county) in 1816; Ohio from Norway in 1823; Stark from Danube in 1828; Little Falls from Fairfield, Herkimer and German Flats in 1829; and Wilmurt from Russia and Ohio in 1836. Schools were established, newspapers published (the first in 1802, followed by three or four others by 1810), churches multiplied, all of which will receive proper treatment in the later town histories.

A reorganization of the Herkimer County Agricultural Society was effected under the act of May 6, 1841. The original society dated back to 1819, and was established under the act of that year which provided among other things the distribution of an appropriation among the counties of the State for the promotion of agriculture through county societies. As far as Herkimer county was concerned, the society was short-lived. Under the reorganization, however, new life was infused into the society; annual fairs were held, and have continued to the present time, and the interest felt is general and the benefits freely acknowledged. During the early years of the society the grounds used

were situated on the north side of the road between Mohawk and Herkimer, on the premises of A. M. Gray ; but in 1874 grounds that were more commodious and convenient were leased from Philip Harter, on the south side of the road and nearer to Herkimer.

In estimating the services of the settlers in the Mohawk valley in the War of the Revolution, it is no more than just to give them, as a whole, a high degree of commendation. Beset on the one hand by emissaries to induce them to give their allegiance to the king, and on the other knowing that almost certainly their homes would be ravaged and their lives endangered if they were true to their adopted country, it is not a marvel that some of their numbers were found among the Tories ; it is even a wonder that so few embraced the royal cause. It is believed by the best authority that not more than one in twenty deserted the colonists in the struggle.

After the close of the war a large portion of the territory of the present Herkimer county was forfeited and confiscated, as before related, largely on account of the fact that the Royal Grant and other lands were in possession of the Johnson family. Most of this grant was thus forfeited and vested in the State. The tract of 2,000 acres, also, granted to Guy Johnson in 1765, situated in the present towns of German Flats and Little Falls, was forfeited. The Herkimer estates forfeited lay in the present limits of German Flats and Herkimer. These various confiscations of lands have been characterized and complained of as wanton, unnecessary and cruel ; but the general consensus of opinion upholds the proceeding as fully justified by the extreme provocation given by those against whom the act was operative.

#### PERSONAL NOTES OF PALATINE FAMILIES.<sup>1</sup>

Descendants of a considerable number of the Palatine families are still resident in Herkimer county, as will be seen in these notes. Among such may be mentioned the following : Bowman, Dacksteder (now Dockstader), Felmore (now Fulmer), Herter, Lant (now Landt), Mayor (now Moyer), Orendros and Orendorf (now Ohrendorff), Pears (now Barse), Pell (now Bell), Reckert and Spohn. The families

<sup>1</sup> These brief notes are condensed from sketches prepared by the late Judge Benton, and are given space in these pages that they may be preserved to future generations.



who became extinct before the Revolution, their lands passing into other hands, were the Beermans, Fellers, Hosses, Korsings, Pouradts, Spies and Veldelents.

*Frederick and Anna Mary Pell (Bell)* each took one hundred acres of land on the north side of the river in the Burnetsfield grant, near the site of Herkimer village. The family was never very numerous in the county. One member with his son was killed by Brant and his Indians in July, 1778. George Henry Bell married General Herkimer's sister Catherine, and was a man of considerable note during the Revolution, commanded a company in the battle of Oriskany and was placed on the pension roll. He had two sons, Joseph and Nicholas, in that battle, the former of whom was killed. Nicholas escaped and was subsequently killed and scalped about a mile from his father's house on the road over Fall Hill. Captain Bell had charge of the escort which carried the wounded General Herkimer from the battlefield and more than thirty miles on a litter. Captain Bell lived on Fall Hill within the limits of the patent granted to his wife's father. He was commissioned justice of the peace of Tryon county February 2, 1778, and again in Montgomery county July 8, 1784, and reappointed March 27, 1790. He had two sons and two daughters. One of the daughters married Henry I. Walrad and the other Peter Waggoner. The late Col. Joost Bell was a son of Nicholas.

*The Bellinger (or Pellinger) Family.*—There were five persons of this name who were grantees under the Burnetsfield patent, two of whom were married women. The name is found among those who volunteered under Colonel Nicholson in the expedition against Montreal in 1711, and down to the close of the first quarter of the present century the name was a conspicuous one for numbers in the county, as well as the high regard in which some of them were held. In the Revolution they were unyielding in their adherence to the patriot cause. Col. Peter Bellinger, whose regiment was composed of the militia of German Flats and Kingland districts, and Lieut.-Col. Frederick Bellinger, of the same regiment, participated in the bloody battle of Oriskany, and the latter was taken prisoner and carried to Canada. Col. John Bellinger was also in the battle as a private. Gen. Christopher P. Bellinger was born in the town of German Flats, and became an exten-

sive farmer. His homestead was set off into the town of Little Falls when it was erected in 1828. He was many times chosen for the office of supervisor and justice of the peace; was four times elected member of Assembly within fourteen years. In 1821 he was again a candidate for the Assembly and received the certificate of election, but was unseated soon after the organization of the house upon a technical construction of the returns. In the fall of 1823 he was elected to the Assembly, and it devolved upon that body to choose the electors of president and vice-president of the United States, or provide by law for some other method of appointment. General Bellinger was appointed on the committee of nine to which was referred the subject of altering the law prescribing the mode of choosing electors. The resulting bill to that end was, as is well known, defeated in the Senate. This was the last time General Bellinger represented the county in the Legislature. When the war of 1812-15 was inaugurated the general had attained the rank of colonel in one of the county militia regiments, and he was detached by Governor Tompkins to take command of one of the regiments for the defense of the northern frontier and repaired with his command to Sackett's Harbor in May, 1812, where he rendered efficient service. The term of service was three months and at its expiration the regiment was discharged. In the campaign of 1814, Colonel Bellinger made a military tour on the frontier with the patriotic militia of the county. While he had no opportunity of especially distinguishing himself, he was noted as a diligent and prudent officer. Some years after the close of the war he was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general. He died at Little Falls, without male descendants, and leaving four daughters.

Major Frederick Bellinger was a native of the county. He represented the county in the Assembly in 1836, and was otherwise shown the confidence of the community. He died at Mohawk, leaving descendants. The Bellinger family suffered severely during the raids in the valley in the Revolution.

*The Keslaer or Casler Family.*—This family was, and perhaps now is, one of the most numerous of the Palatine families in the town of Little Falls. The name is derived from the two original patentees, Johannes and Nicholas Keslaer, who each drew one hundred acres; no

other lands were drawn by persons of that name. Richard Casler, who died at a venerable age, was with Colonel Willett's party when Walter N. Butler was killed. Before his death he told Judge Benton that he remembered his grandfather, Johannes, the patentee. His father, Jacob, and his uncle, John, were both in the Oriskany battle. A small grist-mill was built on the Casler Creek before the war, which, being stockaded, protected it from being destroyed by the enemy. The Petri and Casler families were connected by marriage. Johan Marks Petri owned lot No. 12, at Little Falls, before the Revolution, and built a small grist-mill in the first place on Furnace Creek. The mill that was burned by the enemy, a relation of which has been given in another place, was on the river, and supplied with water from it.

Frederick Casler, a descendant of one of the patentees, died in October, 1849, and his father, Jacob, died in 1822; John Jacob, the grandfather of Frederick, died in January, 1811. Jacob and George Keslaer were two of the seventeen patentees of Staley's first and second tracts, granted in 1755. Richard Casler, before mentioned, died on the 18th of September, 1855, at the great age of ninety-five years.

*The Editch Family.*—This name is variously written and printed as Edigh, Edich, Itigh, Ittigh and Ittich. Michael Ittich was one of the volunteers in Colonel Nicholson's expedition in 1711. There were four persons of the name among the patentees, but it is not known which one was the head of the family or how they were related. Michael Itigh was one of the patentees of Cornradt Frank's patent, granted in 1765, and Hans Michael Ittig, jr., and Jacob Ittigh were patentees of Staley's first and second tracts, granted in 1755. The name is still extant in the county.

*The Fols (or Folts) Family.*—Jacob Fols, a patentee, took lot 3 on the south side of the river and a short distance east of Frankfort village, and Melgert (now Melchert) took lots 2, high and low land, on the north side. Their descendants still live near the original seat. Two of this name (spelled Volts) were first lieutenants in the fourth battalion of the county militia in 1775. Mich. Folts's name is on the roll of volunteers with Colonel Nicholson. Warner Folts was a descendant of Jacob Fols, the patentee; was a member of Assembly in 1824, and a worthy citizen and farmer. Melchert Folts, a son of one of the patent-

ees, was paymaster of the militia regiment commanded by Col. Henri Staring, 1786; was elected the first town clerk of Herkimer in March, 1789; was also a justice of the peace. He was born May 5, 1746, and died May 2, 1829.

*The Fox Family.*—Christopher Fox was a patentee who took a lot in the vicinity of the stone church, German Flats, and his descendants still live in the county. Frederick was a son of Christopher; was a first lieutenant in Captain George Herkheimer's company, Fourth battalion of county militia. In 1786 Peter Fox was commissioned ensign in Captain Peter P. Bellinger's company of Colonel Staring's regiment.

*The Helmer Family.*—The name of Helmer is still found in Herkimer and adjoining counties. Of the six patentees of the name in the grant of 1725, two were married women whose husbands were then living. Philip and Frederick were probably children of the other grantees. Lendert Helmer, one of the original patentees of Burnetsfield, was also grantee of lots 13, 21 and 38, in the grant of 1739, called Glen's purchase. John Adam Helmer, with two others, was sent to Fort Schuyler on the day before the Oriskany battle to warn Colonel Gansevoort of General Herkimer's approach. Captain Frederick Helmer, of Colonel Peter Bellinger's regiment, was killed at Oriskany. John Helmer has already been mentioned as one of the four men sent out to watch Brant's movements at Unadilla, and was the only one of the four to return, the others having been killed. The family of Burnetsfield patentees were Palatine immigrants, but whether of the party of 1710 or of 1711, is not known.

*The Erghemar (or Herkimer) Family.*—This family early exhibited evidence of wealth and thrift far ahead of any other of the Palatine settlers in the erection of fine stone dwellings and the possession of broad domains purchased after the Burnet grant. Jurgh, Johan Jost, Madalana and Catharine Erghemar were each patentees under the Burnetsfield grant. One hundred acres on the south side of the Mohawk was allotted to each of them. Judge Benton could obtain no reliable information as to Jurgh, or George, Herkimer, and moreover asks the question: "Was the Catharina named in the patent and who drew lot No. 5, on or near which the former county poor-house was erected, the wife of Johan Jost?" adding, "If Jurgh and Johan Jost were not

brothers, the conclusion seems to be that Johan Jost, subsequently known as Hanyost Herkimer, the elder, was the son of Jurgh. If Johan Jost was married in 1725, the date of the patent, he probably had no children to whom lands could be granted according to its terms. The fact is well known that lands were granted to children whose fathers and mothers are named as patentees. Madalana and Catharina are not described as married women, and may have been sisters of Hanyost the elder; if this be the true solution of this matter, they probably died unmarried, or sold their interest in the lands allotted to them, for we find some of the same lands in the possession of Hanyost the elder, in April, 1771. This Hanyost left a grandson, born in October, 1751, who was the issue of his second son, Henry."

This name, like many others of the Palatines, has undergone numerous changes in spelling. In 1775 the family was numerous and influential and generally friendly to the popular cause; all, excepting the general, were residents of the German Flats district. The patentee, Jurgh (or George), left no descendants, unless Johan Jost and one or both of the females named were his children, or they left this part of the country before the Revolution. There is no information left of any persons of that name except those who trace their descent from Hanyost Herkimer, the elder.

General Nicholas Herkimer was the eldest son of Johan Jost Herkimer, who was one of the Burnetsfield patentees and drew lot No. 36, and also one of the patentees of the Fall Hill tract granted in 1752 to Johan Jost Herchkeimer and Hendrick Herchkeimer. Nicholas Herkimer was commissioned lieutenant in Capt. William Wormwood's company of the Schenectady battalion on the 5th of January, 1758. He commanded at Fort Herkimer in 1758, when the French and Indians attacked the settlement on the south side of the river. On the 5th of September, 1776, he was commissioned a brigadier-general. At the commencement of the Revolution he lived in the Canajoharie district and represented that district in the county committee of safety. He acted as chairman *pro tem.* of the Tryon county committee of safety in July and August, 1775. In 1760, while he resided in the Canajoharie district, his father conveyed to him 500 acres of land, portions of the Lindsay, Livingston and Fall Hill patents, with a small island in the river. There

the family mansion was erected, substantially as it stands to-day. He was an early advocate of the rights of the colonists, with the others of his family, excepting his brother Hanyost, who was attainted under the act of 1779. General Herkimer's part in the military operations of the Revolution have already been described in a general way, and it only remains for us to allude to the charges of cowardice or inefficiency that were made against him on account of the battle of Oriskany. When General Herkimer was hastening by forced marches and with a small body of undisciplined militia, to the relief of Fort Schuylcr, he sent a messenger to Colonel Gansevoort in the fort to arrange for co-operation in the expected battle, a sally from the fort to be made upon a preconcerted signal. The messenger failed to reach the fort in time. General Herkimer's force was not sufficient to warrant him in bringing on a battle without support and aid; but on the morning of August 6, while awaiting the signal of the sortie from the fort, several of the general's officers and some of the committee of safety urged an immediate advance. In deference to their continued entreaties he finally held a council of his principal officers, whom he warned of the folly of bringing on a battle with the force at their command. The officers would not listen and some of them went so far as to charge him with cowardice or toryism. Insulted beyond forbearance, General Herkimer told them that he was entrusted with the care of his soldiers as well as with their leadership, and that he could not place them in a position in which his judgment told him they would be uselessly slaughtered; he also intimated that those who were now taunting him, would be the first to fly in action—a prophecy which was fulfilled. To end the clamor he at last gave the order to march. The consequences are well known and have been recorded on the pages of every history of Revolutionary battles. The general was grievously wounded early in the engagement, but continued to command his men until the end, when he was carried from the field. His conduct after he received his wound was such as should, and it does, surround his name with a halo of honor and renown. General Herkimer died from hemorrhage following the amputation of his leg in his own home. When he became convinced that his hours on earth were numbered he called for his Bible and read to those around him the 38th Psalm. His loss was deeply deplored by the inhabitants of Tryon county. In October following his death the Continental Congress passed a reso-

lution appropriating \$500 for the erection of a monument to his memory, and in communicating this action to the governor of New York the Congress said: "Every mark of distinction shown to the memory of such illustrious men as offer up their lives for the liberty and happiness of this country, reflects real honor on those who pay the grateful tribute; and by holding up to others the prospect of fame and immortality, will animate them to tread in the same path." The resolution passed by Congress has never been carried into effect. The Oneida Historical Society, of Utica, however, is making an effort to secure the passage of a bill by the State Legislature for an appropriation to improve the ground and erect a monument to mark the place where the body of General Herkimer is buried. This is a matter which concerns every patriotic person, for General Herkimer won the pivotal battle of the Revolution. His body now lies in a pasture in the town of Danube, midway between Little Falls and Indian Castle. The surroundings are unfit, and the stone which marks the grave is not such as should grace the resting place of the hero of Oriskany.

On yonder well-remembered hill,  
Scarred and neglected, old and grey,  
Rises the house, recalling still  
The patriot's name;  
Through fields of waving grass and grain,  
The Mohawk flows across the plain.

Hail, Mohawk winding through the dale!  
Hail, fairest stream in lovely York!  
The farms and homes in thy sweet vale  
Ring with the harvest song! hush! mark  
Yon close of hallowed ground! there lies  
The hero Herkimer who gave  
His blood for liberty; there rise  
The mound, the stone above his grave.

Into a deep and dark ravine,  
By the Oriskany, he led  
Wood all about uprose the dread,  
Painted, red-Indian, yell on yell,  
And in the deadly ambushade,  
Like the mown grass, his cohorts fell  
Bleeding beneath the reeking blade.

Lo! lowering in the sullen sky,  
Black storm-clouds gathered, thick and fast,  
Foretold the fury of the blast.  
It broke; the thunder, peal on peal,  
Roared high above the horrid din  
Of cannon and the clash of steel,  
Loud echoing through the blood-stained glen  
Then thrice from out the dark morass,  
Above that fearful roar, the cheer  
Uprose; but Herkimer, alas!  
Fell foremost fighting. He did hear  
That shout of victory where he lay  
Stretched death-white on the gory ground,  
His life's blood ebbing fast away,  
And, dying, knew what meant that sound.

On many another blood-red field,  
For truth and liberty, our brave  
Fathers did fight and never yield;  
They struck for freedom or the grave,  
And freedom gained: Columbia 's free;  
Her flag floats o'er her mountain heights,  
And on the land, and on the sea,  
Guards well a nation's dear-bought rights.

EDWARD H. WHEELER.

<sup>1</sup>During the battle of Oriskany, when the utter annihilation of General Herkimer's troops seemed almost inevitable, a furious storm arose. The enemy fled for shelter, while the Americans, occupying a strong position, formed themselves so as to be able to hold victorious possession of the field.



General Herkimer was twice married.<sup>1</sup> His will was proved October 4, 1783, with George Herkimer as administrator. The "home place" was devised to his younger brother George, and he was constituted his residuary legatee. The latter lived until 1786, and left seven children. Various members of the families descended from the Herkimers live in different parts of the country, but not one of the name is now resident in Herkimer county.

John Herkimer, son of George, inherited, with his brothers and sisters, the estate devised by General Herkimer and occupied the family mansion until about 1814. He was an active politician; represented Montgomery county in the State Assembly and after the town of Danube was annexed to Herkimer county, was appointed one of the county judges. He was major in a regiment of volunteers in the last war with England and served at Sackett's Harbor. He was elected to Congress in 1822 and was an efficient member of that body. He died at his residence in Danube at the age of seventy-three years, leaving no male descendants.

*The Herter Family.*—The lands allotted to Apolone and Lawrence Herter were on the south side of the river, but some of the family removed to the north side in early years. Some of the family were at the Great Flats at the time of the French expedition in 1757, where one of the Herters was taken prisoner with his wife and children and carried to Canada, where they were kept about a year. A daughter born to Mrs. Herter while crossing the St. Lawrence river in a birch-bark canoe, afterwards became the wife of Michael Myers. Henry Herter was appointed first lieutenant in Capt. Frederick Bellinger's company of militia in 1775. Nicholas and Philip Herter settled in Deerfield, Oneida county, after the Revolution. Numerous descendants of this family are still residents of Herkimer county.

*The Hess Family.*—Augustine Hess was the patentee of lot No. 10 at Little Falls. Previous to and during the Revolutionary period the name was quite numerous in the Mohawk valley. Augustine Hess, a son of the patentee, was a member of the Tryon county committee of safety from the Kingsland and German Flats districts. The elder Au-

<sup>1</sup> The late Samuel Earl wrote of the general as follows: "The general was a kind hearted and benevolent man and a good Christian neighbor. He was just such a character as would make him beloved by those who knew him. He was without guile or deceit, generous, brave and honest."

gustine was a patentee, also, of Staley's first and second tracts; he was killed in July, 1782, by the Indians near Fort Herkimer, while on his way to the fort with his family.

*The Kast Family.*—Johan Jurgh Kast and his son of the same name were patentees and each drew a small lot on the Great Flats and seventy acre lots on the uplands, in the Burnetsfield tract. In 1724 a grant of 1,100 acres was made to the wife and children of the elder Kast, situated in Schuyler and surrounded by Cosby's manor; descendants of the family lived there many years. Besides Johan Jurgh, the elder Kast had a son Lodowick. Johan Jurgh, the younger, had two sons, Conrad and Frederick. The former was taken prisoner in 1757, carried to England, and after his exchange and return to New York, enlisted in the British army and never returned to the Mohawk valley. Descendants of Frederick still live in Herkimer county.

*The Petrie Family.*—Johan Jost Petrie was one of the Burnetsfield patentees and lands were allotted to him, to his wife, Gertrude, and to his son Mark (or Marks). The name occurs among those who volunteered for Colonel Nicholson's expedition. The patentee came over with the second company of Palatines in 1710 and came to German Flats from Livingston's manor. He and Coenrad Rickert were the prominent and leading men of the little colony which first settled here. He was named first in the license given by Governor Burnet to purchase the Indian title to the lands afterwards granted, and also the first named in the patent. The eighty-six acre lot, long known as the Stone Ridge, was allotted to his wife. The present village of Herkimer is largely situated on this lot. Surrounded by rich flat lands subject to inundations, settlers expressed their dissatisfaction when they learned that safe building lots could be had only on this ridge, and Mr. Petrie therefore generously divided the large lot into smaller parcels and gave them to the owners of the adjoining low lands. When the French and Indians destroyed the settlements on the north side of the river, November 11, 1757, all his property save the land was taken and destroyed and he and his family carried into captivity. He was the person named in the French account of that raid as "the mayor of the village of the Palatines." Mr. Petrie remained some time in captivity. He was one of the co-patentees with Philip Livingston and John De

Peyster of a grant of 6,000 acres of land made in 1740, comprising six lots in a tract called Henderson's or Petrie's purchase, lying in the present towns of Columbia and Warren. He died before the beginning of the Revolutionary War, leaving a large number of descendants, and nearly all of the people of this name in the county trace their lineage to him. John Petrie, a son of the patentee, was a member of the Tryon county committee from the German Flats and Kingsland districts which met in June, 1775. He was also appointed by the Tryon county committee August 16, 1779, one of the delegates from the county to a State convention called to consider measures "for appreciating the currency, restraining extortion, regulating prices, and other similar purposes." A commission is in existence issued to Ded'k Marcus Petrie, gentleman, dated October 13, 1768, by which Mr. Petrie was appointed "to be Ensign of a company of Militia Foot in a regiment in Albany county, of which company George Henry Bell esq. is captain." Mr. Petrie held this commission until the country changed rulers, when he was appointed a lieutenant in the Tryon county militia. He was killed in the battle of Oriskany while serving in Col. Peter Bellingher's regiment. John M. Petrie, assemblyman in 1808-9, was a nephew of Lieutenant Petrie, the son of the patentee, Mark Petrie, and consequently grandson of the original settler, Johan Jost. John M. occupied for some time the Burnetsfield lot No. 46, and afterwards changed his residence to a farm on Glen's purchase a few miles north of Little Falls, where he died respected by the community. There were two brothers, sons of Ded'k Marcus Petrie, named Jost D. and John D., who were prosperous farmers and land owners and left their estates to their children. Daniel Petrie, a member of this family, was killed at the destruction of the Little Falls mill, in 1782, as before described. Many descendants of the Petrie family still reside in this county. (See history of the town of Herkimer.)

*The Reele (or Reall) Family.*—Lot No. 15, lowland (thirty acres), and lot No. 15, woodland (seventy acres) at the German Flats were granted to Godfrey Reele, jr. Christian Reall settled near Deerfield Corners, Oneida county, with several other Germans, before the Revolution. In the second year of the war the settlement was destroyed, but the inhabitants escaped to a stockade near by. After the war Mr. Reall

returned to Deerfield. Not long afterward most or all of the survivors of the family removed to what is now Onondaga county. One member of the family afterward returned and lived in Little Falls. The name was never numerous in the county.

*The Shoemakers*—Ludolph (afterwards called Rudolph) and Thomas Shoemaker were patentees, and both of them were young and unmarried when they came to German Flats. Rudolph had several sons, one of whom, Johan Jost, married the daughter of an Englishman named Smith, the fame of whose eccentricities and devotion to the British crown still occupies considerable space in the unwritten history of the valley. Johan Jost had been one of his majesty's justices of the peace in Tryon county and was not friendly to the colonists; but he was not molested in person or property, leading to the conclusion that he was a passive, rather than an active adherent to royalty. Judge Benton said: "With the exception of one member of the Herkimer family, I do not find any other name of note belonging to the Palatine emigrants or their descendants who faltered in their duty to their country and the cause of humanity." Rudolph L. Shoemaker, member of Assembly from this county in 1812-13, was a son of Johan Jost. He was a farmer and lived and died in the present town of German Flats, not far from the site of the village of Mohawk. He was a warm supporter of the War of 1812. Robert Shoemaker, a younger brother of Rudolph L., was appointed sheriff of the county in 1817 and held the office several years; he was a prompt and efficient officer. He also represented the county in the Assembly in 1822. Late in life he removed with his family to Illinois and died there. Thomas Shoemaker, the patentee, had a numerous family, among whom was a son of the same name, who participated in the battle of Oriskany, and afterwards his wife and one of his children (Christopher) and a son of John Shoemaker, then quite young, were taken prisoners and carried to Canada. There are now many descendants of the Shoemaker families in Herkimer county.

*The Smith Family*.—The Schmidts were among the emigrants of 1710 and for a time remained at the camps on Livingston's manor. Four of the name came to the Great Flats, two of whom settled on the north side and two on the south side of the river. Adam Michael Schmidt was one of the volunteers with Colonel Nicholson in 1711.

Descendants of the patentees were for many years quite numerous in the county, but many removed to other localities. Colonel Nicholas Smith, a prominent resident of Utica in recent years, lost his parents at the hands of Indians and tories during the Revolution. In common with the other patentees of Burnetsfield, the family felt its share of suffering during that struggle.

*The Staring's.*—There were six males and one married female of this name among the Burnetsfield patentees. The name was once numerous in the county. Hendrick Staring (who often wrote his name Henri) was a man of some note in the Revolution and subsequently. A native of the county, he lived and died within the limits of the present town of Schuyler. He was one of the few survivors of the Oriskany battle and from that time held prominent office in the militia of the district, soon attaining the rank of colonel. Late in the fall of 1781 he was so unfortunate as to be surrounded and captured near Fort Herkimer, with Abraham Wollever, by a party of Indians. Believing it was the intention of his captors to put him to death by torture, the colonel managed to effect his escape during the first night after he was taken and returned to the fort after an absence of two days and nights. He lived near the small stream known as Staring's Creek, in Schuyler, on which there was a grist-mill which, it will be remembered, was burned by the French and Indians in 1757, was rebuilt and again destroyed during the Revolution. Though of limited education, Colonel Staring was a man of thrift, became owner of large landed estates, and was conspicuous for his general intelligence and good judgment. After the establishment of peace, he was a member of the convention from Montgomery county, called in 1788, to consider the United States constitution, which had been submitted to the several States for ratification. He was an ardent friend of Governor Clinton, who, with a large majority of the convention when elected, were opposed to the ratification of the constitution, and it is supposed that he voted that way. Upon the organization of Herkimer county in 1791 Colonel Staring was appointed first judge of the court of Common Pleas, and held the office many years. Many curious and amusing stories have been told of the methods of administering justice followed by Judge Staring; but he was an honest, straightforward man and filled his position for the good of the com-

munity, if not always according to the acknowledged proprieties of the bench. The judge died in the town of Schuyler, leaving male and female descendants. His wife was a daughter of Johan Jurgh Kast, and through her he obtained title to about 600 acres of the Kast patent, which he left to his children.

*The Temouth Family.*—This name appears in the Palatine records as Demot and Demouth, and others not accustomed to the German method of spelling often wrote the name Damewood. John Jost parted with the lot of land granted him at Little Falls before the Revolution, and probably before 1757, as no trace of the family is found near that place. During the Revolution, the Demouths were in the vicinity of Herkimer. Captain Demouth was with John Adam Helmer in the dangerous service of carrying a message to Colonel Gansevoort during the siege of Fort Schuyler, as before related. After the close of the war some of the Demouths migrated to Onondaga county with the Realls. There are very few of the name now resident in this county.

*The Wellevan (or Wolleaver) Family.*—This name is written Woll-eben and Wohleben in the list of heads of Palatine families on the west side of the Hudson in 1710. Nicholas W. was a patentee in Burnetsfield and also in Staley's first and second tracts, and died in 1773, leaving six sons, Henry, Peter, Richard, John, Abraham and Jacob; and six daughters, Catharine, wife of Frederick Shoemaker; Mary Sophia, wife of Peter Flagg; Elizabeth, wife of Frederick Schute; Lany, wife of Frederick Bellinger; and Hannah, wife of John Emgie, or Empie, who was a tory and went with his family to Canada. Richard, John, Peter, and Abraham were in the battle at Oriskany; the two former were killed, the others returning, Peter with a slight wound. Peter was one of the party in the Little Falls mill when it was burned, and made his escape. Peter Wolleaver lived on the farm in Manheim afterward known as the Christy place, which he hired of Joseph Brant, the Mohawk chief. When the chief sent word to him in 1777 that he would come and tomahawk him if he did not immediately leave the farm, Wolleaver removed to Fort Herkimer with his family in the fall of that year, and remained there until the close of the war. He had three sons who reached manhood, Nicholas, John and Henry. His daughters were Elizabeth, wife of Frederick Shoemaker; Cath-

arine, wife of Garret Van Slyke; Susan, wife of Jacob Edick; Hannah, who married a Mr. Furman; Mary, wife of Mr. White, and Eva who married Stanton Fox. Abraham Wolleaver, one of the patentee's sons, was taken prisoner in October, 1781, with Henry Staring near Fort Herkimer; was knocked down soon afterward, tomahawked and scalped by his captors and left, while they went on with their other prisoner towards Oneida. Abraham survived his terrible injuries; was out two nights, his feet being frozen, and near sunset of the third day was brought to the fort. He lived a number of years afterward.

*The Weaver (or Weaver) Family.*—This name appears on the Livingston's manor lists as Weber and Webber. Jacob and Nicholas were among the volunteers in the Montreal expedition of 1711. Peter J. Weaver was an ensign in 1775 in the Fourth battalion of militia of the county. Some of the family settled in Deerfield, Oneida county, in 1773. George L. Weaver was taken prisoner during the Revolution and held in captivity about two years, suffering much inhuman treatment. Four hundred acres of land were assigned to this family, two hundred on the north and two hundred on the south side of the river. Descendants of the family still reside in the county.

This chapter may be fittingly concluded with the words of the late Chancellor Haven in speaking of the men who fought the battle of Oriskany: "The men who fought this battle were good specimens of a peculiar people. They had been sifted out of Europe by a process of natural and gracious selection. They came across the ocean—or their fathers and mothers did—not for money, but for liberty and religion. They lived in log houses, but they went to log churches and their children to log school-houses. They ate from wooden dishes and were clad in homespun, but they read the Bible and governed themselves. They had wooden plows and used sickles instead of reaping machines, and their only sewing machines were their mothers and wives and sweethearts; but these could put a music into their rural life far better than the noise of the modern machine. There was not a pauper nor an ignoramus among them. They were the happiest and the best people on earth. Such a people fought the battle of Oriskany—nay, the battle of freedom for all mankind."



## CHAPTER V.

## GROWTH AND PROGRESS.

WITH the dawn of peace and the return of prisoners and refugees, industry and resultant prosperity and contentment settled down upon the Mohawk valley. The same spirit of patriotic determination which had impelled the settlers to risk their lives and endure suffering and loss for the permanent establishment of homes in a free country, now enabled them to take up with renewed energy the tilling of their farms, the building of mills, the construction of roads and other labors for the development of their chosen valley.

In early times, before the Revolution, the road through the valley came into what is now Herkimer county from the west, on the south side of the Mohawk, and continued on to Canajoharie. At a distance of fifteen miles from Fort Herkimer a road crossed the river and continued on eastward on the north bank. The river served for many years as a waterway for the transportation of freight and passengers in large flat boats, called bateaux. But this mode of travel was greatly interfered with by the rapids at Little Falls, a fact that led in 1792 to the incorporation of the Western Inland Lock Navigation Company. After the full organization of this company, about thirty directors pushed ahead the contemplated work, and four years later the canal around the falls was finished, another across the portage at Rome, with various improvements in Wood Creek and the Oneida, Seneca and Oswego Rivers. The engraving, "Little Falls in 1892" printed in the history of that town in later pages, shows the course of the canal and the location of the locks at Little Falls. Much of the masonry built at that point a hundred years ago is still in good preservation. This improvement was of immense benefit in opening up the country and it was estimated about the year 1812 that three hundred boats with 1,500 tons of merchandise passed through the canal at the Rome portage in a single year. After the enlargement of the locks the boats carried



EARLY FRANKFURTION ON THE MOHAWK

(FROM AN OLD PRINT.)

twenty tons or more in high water, and half as much at other times. These craft were known as Durham boats, were low and open, with a walking board along the gunwale. They were propelled by means of long poles thrust into the river bottom and pushed with the shoulders of men who walked from end to end of the boat. A Schenectady paper of 1803 in describing one of the boats said: "She is sixty-three feet keel, eleven feet wide, and two feet three inches deep. When loaded she draws two feet of water and will carry twenty-four tons. She now brought down 250 bushels of wheat and will next trip bring 800."

Previous to the Revolution, and perhaps after that event, many roads were not fenced and had gates across them at the crossing of farm lines. The late Samuel Earl said that there was such a road in early times on the south side of the river where the public road now is, and one across the flats between Forts Herkimer and Dayton, called the King's road; this extended west over "Oak Hill" and thence to Oswego.

Regarding this road an interesting letter has been found among the papers of the late Mr Earl, from which it appears that Sir William Johnson wrote John Jost Herkimer, John Jost Petrie, and John Conrad Frank, on the 22d of July, 1756, in regard to their aiding in opening the road. A reply from Herkimer and Frank is as follows:

HON. SIR.

We have the honour of yours of the 22d ult<sup>o</sup> about laying out a road from here to Oswego, throu' the Six Nations, and as for my part, Han Yost Petri, I am old, and lame in one of my hips, and it is not in my power to undertake any such fatigue, and for me, Jost Herkimer, I dare not leave my house upon account of the military for they terrorize over me as they think proper, wether the commander or the common soldiers, in short they take a prerogative power in their own hands—not only in infesting my house and taking up my rooms at pleasure, but take what they think necessary of my effects for their own use without asking. And if such doings is allowed to go on, not only I and my family must suffer, but also all my neighbors.

And as for my part, Conrad Frank, it is not possible for me to undertake it upon account of soldiers \* \* for my house is full either of one sort or another, and within this short time have suffered considerable by the soldiers of Capt. Harris command, for they not only use my house as they thought proper, but likewise took whatever of my live cattle they thought proper fir their use, without either asking liberty or paying me for their value, and supposing I should undertake such a thing and leave my house, I must I imagine never see either my wife or children again; and notwithstanding all the endeavors we and all of us have made we could not find anyone that would undertake

such a piece of work. And although we and all of us would be ready and willing to do anything that would tend to his majesties honor or the good of our country, yet as matters stand we must be excused. We remain with due regard Hon. Sir,

Your Hum. and obedient serv'ts,

JOHN JOST HERKIMER.

JOHN CONRAD FRANK.

In April, 1790, the State appropriated £100 "for the purpose of erecting a bridge across the East Canada Creek, not exceeding three miles from the mouth thereof, upon the road from the Mohawk River to the Royal Grant." Three years later the Legislature provided for the erection of a bridge over East Canada Creek, "nearly opposite the Canajoharie Castle, on the public road leading from Tribes Hill to the Little Falls;" and another over the West Canada Creek "on the public road or highway leading from the Little Falls to Fort Stanwix." A still more important improvement was made through the charter of a company in April, 1800, for the construction of the Mohawk turnpike along the north bank of the river from Schenectady to Utica. The work was done within the next few years, under the direction of Seth Wetmore, a surveyor, who died in Canajoharie in 1836. This road became a part of the great east and west highway from Albany to Buffalo. These means of transportation sufficed for the inhabitants until the construction of the Erie canal in 1825.

Other highways that passed through parts of this county and were of considerable importance to the inhabitants, were the State road, so called because it was constructed by the State through the medium of a lottery, authorized in 1803, to raise \$41,500. This road ran from Johnstown through the Black River country to Sackett's Harbor, passing through parts of Manheim, Salisbury, and the towns of Norway and Russia. The road was much used in the early years of the present century.

In 1804 the Fall Hill Turnpike and Bridge Company was incorporated and authorized to build a toll bridge over the Mohawk River at Little Falls, and construct a road from the house of Ira Crane in Minden, Montgomery county, to the Mohawk River, thence along the river 'o Henry A. Vrooman's in German Flats, and thence to Samuel Abbott's house and Kassler's Mills. The principal object of this road

was to avoid climbing the steeps at Fall Hill. The bridge was erected and used many years, but the road was not constructed.

In the year 1806 commissioners were appointed to lay out and straighten the road on the south side of the Mohawk River from Schenectady to Utica, wherever it seemed expedient. The towns through which this highway passed were required to work it and keep it in order.

The Great Western Turnpike passed through the southeast corner of the town of Warren, a distance of a few miles, but did not touch the Mohawk valley.

The Minden and Utica Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1809, the line designated to pass through the present towns of Stark, Warren, Columbia, Litchfield and the southwest corner of Frankfort. Parts of this turnpike were finished and one or more gates erected for collection of tolls, but it was abandoned many years ago.

In 1834 Colonel Jeremiah Drake projected a railroad to connect with the Utica and Schenectady line about two miles east of Little Falls, and running northerly a distance of about fifteen miles in this county. The incorporation act was passed, surveys made, etc., the route to pass through Manheim Center, Wintonville and Salisbury Center to Devereaux. Failing to interest capitalists in the project, Colonel Drake was forced to abandon it. (See account of Little Falls and Dolgeville Railroad.)

It was over these early highways that the great stage business of that period was conducted; and even after the later construction of the canal and railroad, it was several years before those more modern and rapid methods of travel could displace the four horse coaches to which the people had become accustomed. One of the earliest as well as most successful of the old stage managers was Jason Parker, of Utica, with his later partners. He began running a stage between Albany and old Fort Schuyler in August, 1795, and thus announced his undertaking: "The mail leaves Whitestown every Monday and Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m., and proceeds to Old Fort Schuyler the same evening; next morning starts at 4 o'clock and arrives in Canajoharie in the evening, exchanges passengers with the Albany and Cooperstown stages, and the next day returns to Old Fort Schuyler. Fare for passengers, \$2.00;

way passengers, four cents a mile, fourteen pounds of baggage gratis. Seats may be had by applying at the post-office, Whitestown, at the house of the subscriber, Old Fort Schuyler, or at Captain Root's, Canajoharie." Parker's early experience was not profitable and he had to apply to the Legislature in 1797 for aid. By September, 1810, greater expedition was attained on this route and a daily line of stages passed over the road. In 1810-11 Joshua Ostrom and his partners, also of Utica, came into competition with Parker and announced that a new line of steamboat stages would leave Albany Monday and Friday, and Utica Monday and Thursday. These trips were made more often a little later and the competition between the lines became exceedingly active. Parker & Powell announced in 1811: "Eight changes of horses. The mail stage now leaves Bagg's, Utica, every morning at 4 o'clock. Passengers will breakfast at Maynard's, Herkimer, dine at Josiah Shepard's, Palatine, and sup (on oysters) at Thomas Powell's Tontine Coffee House, Schenectady. The ladies and gentlemen who will favor this line with their patronage may be assured of having good horses, attentive drivers, warm carriages, and that there shall not be any running or racing of horses on the line."

Then the rivals, unencumbered by mails, announced themselves ready to "go through in one day, unless the extreme badness of the traveling rendered it utterly impossible." Moreover passengers were to "have the liberty of breakfasting, dining and supping where, when and on what they please. No more than eight passengers unless by unanimous consent."

The year 1825 saw the establishment of the county poor-house in Herkimer. The board of supervisors met on the 5th of May at Herkimer and appointed Abijah Beckwith, of Columbia, Robert Shoemaker, of German Flats, and William Griswold, of Fairfield, a committee to examine into the subject. This committee reported before the end of that month, and the supervisors thereupon resolved to purchase for the sum of \$2,000 a house and land in the German Flats, near the line of the canal. Samuel Etheridge and Gideon Johnson were appointed to negotiate the purchase, and Rudolph J. Shoemaker, Alfred Putnam, Lauren Ford, John B. Dygert, and Caleb Budlong, superintendents. The clerk was notified that as soon as the proper

officers had taken possession of the house, to publish the fact in the Herkimer paper. On the 16th of November, 1827, the supervisors resolved to abolish the distinction between the town and the county poor. Up to that time each town had supported its own poor at the county house; but the plan was not a successful one. On the 16th of December, 1827, the supervisors resolved to ask the Legislature for authority to sell the poor-house property and purchase a more suitable piece of land and erect buildings thereon for the future reception of paupers. The required law was passed, but no immediate action was taken under it. Although a little out of its chronological order, the later history of the poor-house may as well be given here. In 1837 the matter of disposing of the poor-house was again agitated, although at the annual meeting of that year the superintendents were authorized to purchase a part of the Steele farm for the use of the county, which was subsequently effected. The discussion of sale and change of location continued through 1839 and 1840, and further laws on the subject were passed by the Legislature. In 1842 the superintendents authorized the supervisors to sell the house and land adjoining for \$500, and in 1844 the Legislature vested in the board of supervisors full power to sell out the old establishment, purchase a new site and erect suitable buildings. It is clear that it was high time such action was taken. Yet for nearly three years the subject was actively discussed before a majority of the supervisors made a final disposition of it. The difficulty was to reconcile the different factions in the board to a new location, some wanting it on the south side of the river, while others wished it taken from the vicinity of the canal. In January, 1846, the board fixed upon a new site (the present one) by a vote of 10 to 9; on the 17th of March 1846, the board sanctioned the contract for the new buildings made by the commissioners and George W. Alton, George Burch and Cornelius E. T. Van Horne superintended the erection of the new buildings. They are located in the town of Herkimer, about two miles south of Middleville, on the west side of the West Canada Creek, and are commodious and convenient for their purpose.

The Asiatic cholera visited this country in 1832-34 and in many localities was the cause of great fatality, anxiety and actual panic.



Although the disease found its way westward from New York and Albany, following to some extent the line of the Erie canal, Herkimer county almost entirely escaped its ravages. This fortunate circumstance is doubtless due to there being no large city in the county, the general healthfulness of the locality and the favorable sanitary conditions then existing. The disease gained a foothold in Utica and Syracuse, as well as at other prominent centers; but the smaller places and country districts almost wholly escaped.

During the period between 1830 and 1860, the development of the dairy industry in this country was especially marked. Farmers learned the value of choice stock and the importance of giving their herds the best possible care. Shippers opened the English market about 1832, and extended the distribution of the product to many of the largest cities of this country, laying the foundation of the later important industry. The progress of dairying in the county is further treated in another chapter.

The Herkimer County Education Society and Teachers' Association was organized at Little Falls March 15, 1837, with David Chassell as president; N. S. Benton, John B. Dygert, Thomas Hawks, John Delamater and Henry Ellison, vice-presidents; James Henry, corresponding secretary; E. A. Munson, recording secretary. The organization was effected at a meeting of the county convention of the friends of education. It was arranged that annual meetings should be held, at which addresses should be made and plans laid for the general advancement of education in the county. The organization was not very long-lived.

The State of New York, with many others, had its period of what may be termed the plank road mania, beginning in 1847 and continuing several years. These roads, built at a time when most country highways were even much worse than they are at the present time, and extending into localities where railroads were not likely to go, were of considerable benefit, especially to farmers. A few of them paid reasonable profits, but more were losing projects and soon were abandoned. The first plank road in Herkimer county extended from Mohawk village through Herkimer and Middleville to Newport, along the valley of the West Canada Creek. Others were the Little Falls and Middle-

ville road, connecting those two places; the Manheim and Salisbury, connecting Little Falls with Salisbury Four Corners, and afterwards extended to Graysville in the northern part of Norway; the Little Falls and Salisbury, connecting the former place with Devereaux; the road from Utica passing through Frankfort, Litchfield and West Winfield to Unadilla; the Mohawk and Ilion, connecting those villages; the Frankfort and Utica, extending from Frankfort village to the west line of the county along the line of the canal; the Ilion and Cedarville, connecting those two points. And the plank road from Fort Plain to Coopers-town passed through Starkville and Van Hornesville, in the town of Stark; the North Gage and Russia road connected Russia with North Gage in Oneida county. These once useful highways were, however, short-lived, and have now all disappeared.

## CHAPTER VI.

### THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD.

THE long reign of prosperous peace in America was rudely closed when citizens of Southern States fired the first hostile gun upon Fort Sumter in 1861. Almost before the sound of that cannonade had died away a tide of patriotic enthusiasm and indignation swept over the entire North, and the call to arms found an echo in every loyal heart, while thousands sprang forward to offer their services and their lives at the altar of their country.

The history of the civil war has been written and rewritten, and almost every intelligent citizen, young and old, is familiar with the details of the great contest. Were this not a fact it would still be manifestly impossible in a work of this character to follow the course of the various campaigns in which Herkimer county soldiers took part, or to trace the careers of those brave officers and privates who fell on the field of battle. Such historical work must be left to the general historian who has unlimited space at his command for the one topic; and already, as we have said, the pages of history are eloquent with records of the battles

in which Herkimer county men honorably shared, which all may read ; while the thousands of volumes that have been published by the State and placed in every county clerk's office and elsewhere, contain the rosters of all New York State organizations that went out to battle for the right. It therefore remains for us to give such statistics and information in this connection as bear a local interest, as far as the space at command will permit.

Before the actual outbreak of the rebellion the president issued a proclamation calling forth " the militia of the several States of the Union, to the aggregate number of 75,000, in order to suppress combinations, and to cause the laws to be duly executed." The principal villages of Herkimer county became at once centers of military activity. One of the first steps taken was to place a guard upon the great armory of the Remingtons at Ilion, which was soon filled with a large force of workmen employed day and night.

On Monday, April 15, 1861, the State Legislature passed a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 and providing for the enrollment of 30,000 men to aid the government. The volunteers were to enlist into the State service for two years, and to be subject at any time to transfer into the Federal service. This measure caused intense excitement and the various villages of the county were soon ablaze with military enthusiasm.

On the 20th of April a great union meeting was held at Little Falls, over which Major Z. C. Priest presided. Patriotic speeches were made by Hon. A. Loomis, Rev. B. F. McLoughlin, Rev. J. D. Adams, Hon. A. H. Laflin, Hon. George A. Hardin, and Arnold Petrie. Resolutions were adopted expressive of the patriotism of the people and the determination to maintain the government against its enemies, and denouncing rebellion. Provision was made to raise \$5,000 for the relief of families of those who might enlist. This meeting was followed by a similar one at Mohawk, at which large delegations were present from Herkimer, Ilion and elsewhere. Dean Burgess, of Herkimer, presided and stirring speeches were made by Hon. J. H. Wooster, of Newport, Judge Ezra Graves, of Herkimer, General Prescott, of Mohawk, and others. An overflow meeting was held outside of the church, for the benefit of those who could not gain admittance, which was addressed by Hon. George A. Hardin, and Hon. A. H. Laflin, of Herkimer.

Resolutions similar to those mentioned were adopted and \$1,500 were subscribed at once for the relief fund. Military enthusiasm and action extended, also, into other parts of the county, and while the last named meeting was being held, about fifty persons had already enlisted in the towns of Ohio, Norway and Russia; and by the 24th of April seventy men had enlisted in Herkimer and more than thirty in Mohawk.

On the evening of May 24 a meeting was held in the court-house to formulate a plan for the relief of the families of those who had enlisted. It was decided to raise \$2,000 on a note payable in one year, to receive the signatures of those who were disposed to secure it. A large number signed the note and the money was advanced by the Mohawk Valley Bank. Dean Burgess was made treasurer of the fund, and Ezra Graves and H. G. Crouch, with the treasurer, were made an executive committee to distribute the money. Similar action was taken at other points and together afforded the necessary relief.

By the 8th day of May, 1861, there were six companies of Herkimer county men in rendezvous at Albany. These, with one company from Essex county, two from Steuben, one from Clinton, and one from Albany county, were organized into the Thirty-fourth Regiment of infantry, afterwards familiarly known as the "Herkimer County Regiment." Of these companies, Company B was raised in Little Falls, Company C at Graysville, Companies F and G at Herkimer, and Company K at Brockett's Bridge (now Dolgeville). The regimental officers were: Colonel, William Ladue; lieutenant-colonel, James Suiter; major, Byron Laflin; quartermaster, Nathan Easterbrook, jr.; chaplain, J. B. Van Petten; paymaster, W. H. Wombaugh. The Herkimer county companies were officered as follows:

Company B.—Captain, Wells Sponable; 1st lieutenant, John Fralick; ensign, Irving Delos Clark; 1st sergeant, Lewis M. Clark; sergeants, William Orrin Beach, Chauncey Petrie and Wallace Zaper; corporals, Warren Van Allen, Adelbert Perry, Dennis Canaan and Edward Redner; musicians, John Apple and John Schermerhorn.

Company C.—Captain, Thomas Corcoran; lieutenant, Samuel P. Butler; ensign, William S. Burt; 1st sergeant, William Wallace; sergeants, Jacob Ashley, S. S. Walter and Charles B. Barton; corporals, Simon Loyd, Richard Manning, Harrison L. Banks and Joshua Sherwood; musicians, William H. Corp and John H. Guy.

Company F.—Captain, Charles Riley; lieutenant, Joseph R. Shoemaker; sergeants, William R. Van Valkenburg, Christian Wayman and James B. Crist; corporals, Charles B. Taylor, John T. Booth, Thomas White and Charles Pierce; musicians, David M. Heath and Edward White.

Company G.—Captain, Charles L. Brown; 1st lieutenant, Warren Mack, jr.; ensign, Michael Shaffner; 1st sergeant, Joy E. Johnson; 2d sergeant, Albert Arnold; 3d sergeant, James H. Cory; 4th sergeant, Richard D. Mosher; 1st corporal, Jeremiah Farrell; corporals, A. S. Rounds, William Manning and John H. Raynor; musicians, Ezra Dockstater and Nelson Meacham.

Company K.—Captain, John Beverly; lieutenant, Henry B. Chamberlin; ensign, Emerson S. Northrup; 1st sergeant, William S. Walton; sergeants, Charles Lasure, Benjamin J. Loucks and Romeyn Roof; corporals, William Burns, Henry Traver, John Johnson and John Williams; musicians, Hiram Burk and Eugene Kibbie.

On account of ill health, Colonel Ladue resigned March 20, 1862, and Lieutenant-Colonel Suiter was promoted to the office. He resigned January 26, 1863, and was honorably discharged. Lieutenant-Colonel Byron Laflin was his successor. The last three companies of Herkimer county men left for Albany on the 6th of May. A large gathering of people assembled at Herkimer and listened to the patriotic and affecting words of Judge Graves to the departing soldiers. In the final organization at Albany the six Herkimer companies were reduced to five, which, with the others named, made ten. On the 25th of May the regiment was accepted, and June 15 it was mustered into service. On the 25th of that month a stand of colors was presented to the regiment by the ladies of Little Falls, through Horace Burch. On the 2d of July the regiment left Albany for Washington on the steamboat *Western World* and two barges; they arrived at Washington on the 5th, and went into camp on Kalorama Heights. On the 28th of July the regiment was assigned to picket duty at Seneca Mills, Md., on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. After doing duty at various stations for short periods, among them being Poolesville, Harper's Ferry, Bolivar Heights, Charles-town, Berryville and Winchester (arriving just after the close of the battle), the regiment reached Yorktown on the 5th of April, 1862. On the 4th of May they embarked for West Point and on the 6th were engaged in the battle at that place, with slight loss. Continuing up the peninsula they went into camp on the Tyler farm and were detailed to bridge the Chickahominy. In the succeeding battle of Fair Oaks the regiment acted nobly and lost thirty-four killed and sixty-four wounded. On the 30th of June they were engaged at Glendale in a part of the "Seven Days Fight" and lost thirteen killed and wounded. On the 1st of July the regiment reached Malvern Hill and in the battle fought there lost thirty-four in killed, wounded and missing, among the killed being

Major Charles L. Brown. After other operations in that vicinity the regiment found itself in its old camp at Harrison's Landing, where they remained until August 15, removing thence to Newport News, where they arrived on the 21st. The movements of the regiment from that time until the battle at Antietam were to Alexandria; thence to a point near Fort Ethan Allen; thence to Frederick City, South Mountain and Antietam. In that memorable battle the regiment was forced to the front, where it narrowly escaped destruction, and lost thirty-two killed, 109 wounded, and nine missing. From Antietam the regiment went to Harper's Ferry, and on the 11th of November was reviewed by General McClellan for the last time. Next they marched to Falmouth, and on December 11 reached a point opposite Fredericksburg. Here in the engagement that followed they lost thirty-three killed and wounded. The regiment went into winter quarters near Falmouth January 26, 1863. Its term of service expired on the 8th of June and on that day they left for home. They were tendered a reception at Herkimer before being mustered out and were given a royal welcome on the 27th of June. The men were mustered out on the 30th of June, numbering only 400, as against 786 when the organization left for the front.

Passing by several organizations in which Herkimer county men enlisted, as noted further on, we come to the Ninety-seventh Regiment of infantry, in which a large part of five companies were from this county, the remainder being largely Oneida county men. The formation of this regiment was begun on the 16th of October, 1861, and was officered as follows: Colonel, Charles Wheelock; lieutenant-colonel, J. P. Spofford, of Brockett's Bridge, Herkimer county, promoted to colonel in February, 1865; major, Charles Northrup; adjutant, Charles Buck; quartermaster, Joel T. Comstock; surgeon, N. D. Ferguson; assistant surgeon, Aaron Cornish; chaplain, James V. Ferguson. Colonel Wheelock was one of the bravest and most efficient officers that left the State. He was captured by the enemy in one of the early engagements of the regiment, but made a daring escape. The hardships of army life were too severe for his physical frame, and he died at Washington January 21, 1865. His remains were brought home to his native town of Boonville where they received burial with military honors.

The Ninety-seventh was mustered into service at Boonville on the 19th of February, 1862, and on the 12th day of March left for Washington with a strength of 928 men. Companies C, D, E, F, and I were each about half made up of Herkimer county men, and officered as follows by Herkimer county:

Company C.—First lieutenant, Francis Murphy; second lieutenant, John T. Norton; first sergeant, John G. C. Sproule; sergeants, James McGurran, Henry P. Fitzpatrick; corporal, Charles McGurran, all of Herkimer village; musician, Dennis T. Hall, Gravesville; wagoner, Horace Rice, Herkimer.

Company D.—Captain, Rouse P. Eggleston, Brockett's Bridge; first lieutenant, Dwight S. Faville, Brockett's Bridge; first sergeant, James H. Stiles, Salisbury; second sergeant, Frank Reed, Brockett's Bridge; fourth sergeant, William Dresher, Salisbury; fifth sergeant, David Beverly, jr., Brockett's Bridge; corporals, H. Alonzo Cool and Charles Doxtater, Brockett's Bridge; Abner K. Huntly, Frederick Munson, and Conrad Metz, Salisbury Center, and Morgan Hughs, Manheim; fifer, Ezra M. Huntly, Salisbury; wagoner, John Kirchen, Salisbury Center.

Company E.—Corporal, John Williams, Russia; musician, John F. Morehouse, Gravesville.

Company F.—Captain, Stephen G. Hutchinson; first lieutenant, E. Gary Spencer, Brockett's Bridge; first sergeant, William Ransom; second sergeant, Delos D. Hall; third sergeant, Hiram Hildreth, and fourth sergeant, John Darling, Salisbury; corporals, Augustus Johnson, William B. Judd, Brockett's Bridge, and George Terry, Salisbury.

Company H, commanded by Captain Anton Brendle, included musicians Addy and William Thompson, and three privates, from Herkimer village.

Company I.—Captain, James P. Leslie; first lieutenant, Romeyn Roof; second lieutenant, Lewis H. Carpenter; first sergeant, George Chase, and sergeant, Henry A. Way, all of Little Falls; sergeant, Joseph W. Harrison, Van Hornesville; sergeant, Hartley Youker, Little Falls; corporals, John Campbell, George J. Keller, Ansel L. Snow, William H. Gray, and Michael Tighe, Little Falls; Clinton Ackerman, Newville; James Kenna, and Roswell Clark, jr., Little Falls; musicians, Charles A. Barrett and Frederick V. Laurent, Little Falls.

Following is a list of the battles in which this regiment bore a conspicuous part: Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock Station, Thoroughfare Gap, Second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg (two engagements), Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Raccoon Ford, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna, Tolopotomoy, Bethesda Church, White Oak Swamp, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Hicks Ford, Hatcher's Run, Quaker Road, White Oak Road, Five Forks, Appomattox. It is no more than

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justice to this splendid organization to give it credit for being one of the bravest and hardest fought regiments in the army, as the following statistics will show :

Of the color bearers two were killed and three wounded, as follows : Sergeant James Brown, killed July 1, 1863, at Gettysburg; Sergeant Sylvester Riley, killed May 5, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness. Sergeant John King, wounded severely May 18, near Spottsylvania Court-house; John D. Conlon, wounded May 5, 1864, near Spottsylvania Court-house; Joseph Curtis, wounded February 6, 1862.

Of the original officers only three returned with the regiment, viz., Colonel J. P. Spofford, Lieutenant-Colonel Rouse P. Egleston, and Captain Isaac Hall.

The commissioned officers who were killed, or died of wounds received in action, were: Captain Richard Jones, August 30, 1862; First Lieutenant Dwight S. Faville, August 30, 1862; Second Lieutenant Louis Dallarini, September 17, 1862; First Lieutenant Rush P. Cady, July 1, 1863; Second Lieutenant James H. Stiles, July 1, 1863; Second Lieutenant William J. Morrin, July 1, 1863; First Lieutenant Frank T. Brennan, May 6, 1864; Second Lieutenant William G. Dresher, May 6, 1864; Second Lieutenant John Koch, June 3, 1863; Second Lieutenant Henry P. Fitzpatrick, August 4, 1864; Captain William B. Judd, February 6, 1864. Thirty-two commissioned officers and 836 enlisted men were wounded. The total number of commissioned officers ever belonging to the regiment was ninety-four.

Of the enlisted men in the regiment there were killed or mortally wounded, 203; died of disease, 122; discharged, 690; transferred, 534; mustered out—present—322; mustered out—absent—205; total, 2,081. There were twenty-two hundred names on the muster roll of the regiment during its service; when mustered out there were just 25 officers and 322 men left. Company D mustered out but twenty-six men.

The regiment was in Duryea's Brigade and Rickett's Division of the First Corps at the battle of Antietam, where it suffered more severely than in any other battle. Here more than one-half of the regiment was killed and wounded in less than an hour after the engagement commenced; yet it is said men never displayed more coolness and determination. Not a man was captured, and when relieved, though under a galling fire, they retired in good order.

At Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and all subsequent battles—more than twenty in number—the Ninety-seventh sustained the reputation it had gloriously acquired at hard-fought Antietam. At Gettysburg the loss of the regiment was great, particularly in officers—eleven of whom (out of twenty-four) were killed or wounded. The regiment went into this battle with only 236 rifles; and after being engaged several hours and losing heavily it made a successful charge upon the Twentieth North Carolina regiment, capturing 382 men and their colors. Colonel Spofford (then lieutenant-colonel) led this charge, and in it nearly one-half of his hat was carried away by a piece of shell. His horse was shot in the head, and Colonel Spofford subsequently taken prisoner, and he was afterwards nearly a year and a half in Southern prisons.

On the 7th of June, 1864, the Eighty-third New York volunteers (Ninth militia) were consolidated with the Ninety-seventh. Prior to this consolidation the Twenty-

sixth New York had been joined to the Eighty-third, and the Ninety-seventh therefore received the remnants of two regiments when the consolidation took place.

*The One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment.*—This was the next organization which contained a large proportion of Herkimer county men, most of the remainder being from Otsego county, and was raised in response to the president's call for 300,000 volunteers in August, 1862. The camp of the regiment was situated on the grounds of H. J. Schuyler, in the town of German Flats, about a mile and a half from Herkimer, and was called Camp Schuyler. A list of the Herkimer county men in the regiment was published in the *Herkimer Democrat* of August 27, 1862, and shows that companies A, B, C, D, and H were almost wholly from this county, the figures being respectively in the order named, 98, 102, 101, 102, and 66. These companies were officered as follows:

Company A.—Captain, H. M. Galper, Little Falls; first lieutenant, J. Merrill, Salisbury; second lieutenant, George W. Davis, Little Falls; sergeants—Joseph H. Heath, Little Falls; Lester Baum, Danube; David T. King, Salisbury; George Hewittson, Danube; and Frank Burt, Little Falls; corporals—George H. Snell, Little Falls; John Wormouth, Danube; Albert H. Clark, Little Falls; Henry Timmerman, Little Falls; Isaac Darling, Salisbury; Hallet Mattison, Salisbury; James Hendrix, Danube; and Peter Fletcher, Little Falls; musician, Murton Timmerman, Little Falls.

Company B.—Captain, Irving Holcomb, Litchfield; first lieutenant, H. C. Keith, German Flats; second lieutenant, George A. May, German Flats; sergeants—Levi S. Jones, Winfield; Dennis A. Dewey, Plainfield; Samuel Miller, Litchfield; Gilbert T. Broadway, German Flats; Reuben C. Holmes, Little Falls; corporals—F. McCarron, Litchfield; A. C. Potter, Winfield; G. W. Warren, Litchfield; William H. Widrick, German Flats; Joseph B. Rounds, Winfield; Dewitt Beckwith, German Flats; Asahel Davis, Winfield; William Thornton, Columbia; musicians, J. M. Underwood, Litchfield; Rosell Jackson, Columbia.

Company C.—Captain, Clinton A. Moon, Herkimer; first lieutenant, Thomas S. Arnold, Herkimer; second lieutenant, Angus Cameron, Fairfield; sergeants—E. P. Johnson, Russia; D. W. Greene, A. Clark Rice and F. E. Ford, Fairfield; G. W. Collins, Russia; corporals—W. Ward Rice, Fairfield; Joshua W. Storr, Russia; Calvin G. Carpenter, Fairfield; Crosby J. Graves, I. N. Bassett and Julius A. Jones, Russia; Wilbur F. Lamberson and Leander Swartout, Fairfield.

Company D.—Captain, John D. Fish, Frankfort; first lieutenant, Delos M. Kenyon, Frankfort; second lieutenant, Charles E. Staring, Schuyler; sergeants—James W. Bascom, Willard H. Howard, James Johnson, Melville D. Merry, Frankfort; Roselle Warren, Warren; corporals—Darius Brown, James H. Smith, Frankfort; Nathan B. Faville, Manheim; Nathaniel Warren, Amos Lepper, Frankfort; Aaron D. Miller, Schuyler; Francis N. Piper, Ralph T. Pierson, Frankfort.

Company H.—Captain, John Ramsay, Little Falls; first lieutenant, ——— Double-day, Otsego county; second lieutenant, M. R. Casler, Little Falls; sergeants—W. D. Turner, Little Falls; S. Wolverton, Thomas M. Kenna, Little Falls; R. C. Firman, Otsego county; Levi Sherry, Little Falls; corporals, M. I. Gage, Little Falls; James Reddy, Little Falls; J. A. Burgess, Otsego county; William H. Hayes, Little Falls; H. C. Winslow, Little Falls.

The regimental officers were as follows: Colonel, Richard Franchot; lieutenant-colonel, C. H. Clark; Major, Egbert Olcott; adjutant, Alonzo Ferguson; surgeon, D. W. Bassett; assistant surgeons, S. B. Valentine, D. M. Holt; quartermaster, Albert Story; chaplain, J. R. Sage.

This regiment left its camp on the 31st of August, marched to the Herkimer station, where a large crowd witnessed the affecting departure. After a short stay in camp at Washington, the regiment went on picket duty beyond Georgetown. Sickness and death became prevalent in the various companies and by October 26, 1862, more than one hundred were sick and six had died, one of them a commissioned officer. After various minor movements, the regiment participated honorably in the battle of Fredericksburg, though its loss was small—four killed and twelve wounded. The winter was spent in camp, and the regiment suffered much from desertions. At the second battle of Fredericksburg, on the 3d of May, 1863, the organization lost forty-one killed, and 235 wounded and missing. In the three days of fighting at Gettysburg the regiment participated, but its duty was such that it did not suffer material loss. November 7, 1863, the regiment participated in the engagement at Rappahannock Station, where it won brilliant laurels, aiding in capturing many prisoners and battle flags, and receiving honorable mention from General Meade. The loss was four killed and twenty-one wounded.

During the winter of 1863–4 the regiment was in camp at Brandy Station. In the spring campaign of 1864 the One Hundred Twenty-First performed the most arduous service. A member writing home said: "We have been fighting like fury for fourteen days, watching nights and fighting daytimes, and are now nearly worn out, as you may well imagine. We have captured many prisoners and stands of colors and many pieces of artillery. Out of fifteen officers only four are left. We have 144 men fit for duty. We started out with four hundred men and twenty officers. Six officers were killed, nine

wounded and one missing. Twenty-five enlisted men were killed, 144 wounded, and sixty-six missing." This letter was dated May 20.

In the battle of Cold Harbor the regiment did its share of fighting and had a number of men wounded. The other engagements in which it shared were Opequan, Fisher's Hill, and Petersburg, and finally Cedar Creek. In the last battle it lost nine killed and forty wounded. The regiment was mustered out on June 25, 1865, and on the succeeding 4th of July was given a hearty reception at Little Falls, when twelve thousand people were present. Of 1,076 men who left Herkimer in the One Hundred Twenty-First, only 445 returned. The loss in the field was 250 and in wounded between 600 and 700.

*The One Hundred and Fifty-Second Regiment.*—This regiment was formed in Herkimer and Otsego counties, about 360 men being drawn from Herkimer besides the following company officers :

Company A.—Captain, Timothy O'Brien, Mohawk ; first lieutenant, Peleg G. Thomas ; second lieutenant, John M. Smith, Mohawk ; first sergeant, Frederick A. Gray, Herkimer ; sergeants—Alonzo C. Holmes, Little Falls ; Thomas McGlone, Manheim ; Welford E. Casler, Little Falls ; and Simon Lepper, Herkimer ; corporals—William H. Cornell, Little Falls ; Charles H. Dygert and Moses C. Holden, Herkimer ; James P. Burns, Manheim ; Thomas Ellis, Little Falls ; Frederick Harter, Herkimer ; Moses C. Roof, Little Falls ; and William W. Wilson, Herkimer ; musicians, Jeremiah Carroll, jr., Little Falls, and John Smart, Herkimer ; wagoner, William P. Casler, Little Falls.

Company B.—Captain, William S. Burt ; first lieutenant, Silas T. Bebee, and second lieutenant, H. Dwight Smith, Mohawk ; first sergeant, Henry A. Hydorn, Little Falls ; sergeants—John McIntosh, Wilmurt ; Dennis T. Hurlty, Warren ; Albert Hall and Truman F. Phelps, Ohio ; corporals—Francis Bennett, Ohio ; D. McIntosh, Russia ; William B. Coffin, Ohio ; Herman Delong, Stark ; John Paul, Wilmurt ; Hurlburt Norton, Newport ; musicians, Granville Palmer, Newport, and Paul Crego, Norway ; wagoner, George Bennett, Ohio.

Company C.—Captain, James E. Curtiss ; first lieutenant, Francis E. Leonard, and second lieutenant, Lansing Swift, Mohawk ; sergeants—John Thrall and Daniel Steele, Mohawk ; corporals—John Freeman, Hiatt Coe, Elijah Colburn, Jonathan Joyce, George W. Manchester and Edward F. Passen, Mohawk ; musician, Frank Doxtater, Mohawk ; wagoner, Peter Doxtater, Mohawk.

Company D.—Captain, William R. Wall, first lieutenant, Elias Young, and second lieutenant, John Land jr., Mohawk.

Company E.—Captain, Simeon L. Coe, first lieutenant, Washington W. Hulser, and second lieutenant, Delancy Stafford, Mohawk ; sergeants—Horatio Nichols, Litchfield ; William Porter, Winfield ; Daniel Van Allen, Danube, and James McGowan, Litchfield ; corporals—William Luckey, jr., Bridgewater ; Jacob Nell, Litchfield ; William Z. Ball,

Alonzo P. Miller and Isaac McLoughlin, Winfield; James Barnes, Litchfield; John A. Carrier, Winfield, and Charles Brown, Schuyler; musicians, Thomas Fox, Danube, and William S. Babcock, Litchfield; Wagoner, Peter W. Tallman, Schuyler.

Company F.—Captain, Daniel A. West, Mohawk; first lieutenant, David Hill, Mohawk; second lieutenant, James B. Eysaman, Mohawk; first sergeant, John W. Quimby, Fairfield; second, O. M. Cronkhite, Little Falls; third, Seymour A. Smith, Fairfield; fourth, William H. Lewis, Little Falls; fifth, Edward C. Townsend, Fairfield; first corporal, Alfred R. Quaiffe, Little Falls; second, Matthew McCann, Fairfield; third, Julius L. Townsend, Newport; fourth, Delevan Hewitt, Manheim; fifth, Thomas R. Petrie, Fairfield; sixth, John W. Allen, Manheim; musicians, Lyman Snell, Manheim, and James D. Wiswell, Little Falls; wagoner, David Flint, Little Falls.

Company K.—Captain, Lambert Hensler, Mohawk; first lieutenant, Lewis A. Campbell, Mohawk; second lieutenant, Jacob G. Bellinger, Mohawk; first sergeant, Peter B. Dykeman, Little Falls; sergeants, Englehart Diefenbocker, Adrian Lee, Sanford A. Hager and David Small, Frankfort; first corporal, Andrew Bridenbecker, second, Edward Haver, third, Michael Conlon, fourth, Lewis H. Gray, and fifth, Winfield S. Forelman, Frankfort; sixth, Cornelius W. Hardendorf, Cherry Valley; seventh, William J. Gray, Warren; eighth, Seth B. Holdridge, Schuyler; musicians, Eugene Casey, German Flats, and Garrett Vischer, Frankfort; wagoner, George Sterling, Frankfort.

Company G.—Captain, Edmund C. Gilbert, Mohawk; first lieutenant, Josiah Hinds, Mohawk.

Company H.—Captain, Uriah B. Kendall; first lieutenant, William R. Patrick; second lieutenant, William L. Hopkins, all of Mohawk.

Company I.—Captain, Alonzo A. Bingham; first lieutenant, Charles Hamilton; second lieutenant, Edward W. Butler, all of Mohawk.

Following are the field and staff officers: Colonel, Leonard Boyer; lieutenant colonel, Alonzo Ferguson; major, George R. Spalding; adjutant, Cleveland J. Campbell; quartermaster, George W. Ernst, jr.; surgeon, Silas A. Ingham; assistant surgeons, Eli Small, Harmon M. Blood.

The One Hundred Fifty-second Regiment was formed in the fall of 1862, and reached Washington on the 23d of October, where it remained in Camp Marcy until February, 1863, when it was stationed in the city for guard and provost duty. After three weeks at Suffolk, in Eastern Virginia, the regiment again returned to Washington, and on the 14th of July was ordered to New York. This movement was occasioned by the fear of riots caused by the draft. After about a month in New York the regiment proceeded to Schenectady, for guard duty during the draft; their services were not needed. Returning to New York the regiment remained there until the middle of October, 1863, when it rejoined the Army of the Potomac, and was assigned to the First Brigade,

Second Division, Second Corps, reporting at headquarters near Centerville. After sharing in Meade's eight days' campaign across the Rappahannock, the regiment went into winter quarters near Brandy Station.

In the terrible battles of the Wilderness in the spring of 1864, the One Hundred Fifty-Second performed an honorable part and suffered severely. A letter written on May 13 thus speaks of that battle:

I am still sound after eight days' hard fighting. We have lost heavily. Our gallant old leader, General John Sedgwick, of the "bloody Sixth Corps," is killed, and our noble Colonel Olcott is also no more. Major Galpin is wounded in the eye, and is at Fredericksburg hospital. We went into the fight with 446 men and fifteen officers, and came out to-day with four officers and not a hundred men. I have just taken the "census," and find we have just ninety-four men to-day, May 13. Out of fifty-six men in Company A there are just seven left. When we charged we took 3,000 prisoners, and the next day the Second Corps took Johnson's whole division, 9,000 strong, seventeen pieces of artillery, and some twenty stands of colors. The report has just come in that the rebels have left the front. The loss to our army in killed, wounded and missing must be at the least calculation from 18,000 to 25,000. This has been the greatest battle ever fought on this continent. Captain Fish is killed.

It was in the Wilderness battle that the famous charge was made in which this regiment participated, and which has gone upon the records of history. It was just before daybreak, and in its front were three lines of rifle pits, and in the rear of them two formidable lines of log ramparts; these were about five feet thick at the base and six feet high, each at the rear commanding the one in front. As soon as it was light enough to see, the signal was given and the entire corps pressed forward. As the attacking force dashed over the first and second lines of rifle pits and captured the swarms of soldiers in them, a wild yell burst forth from the Union lines, which was responded to by a withering fire of cannon and musketry. Still undaunted they pushed on, Sergeant Hurlburt Norton a little in advance with the colors. His right hand was shot away at the staff, but he quickly raised the colors with his left hand and pushed on. The next instant a bullet pierced his brain. The color guard being now wholly wiped out and the staff of the State flag cut in two, the men hesitated at the third line. Captain David Hill caught up the flag and with a shout jumped into a section of the pit in front and alone sent thirty bewildered rebels to the rear. Another moment and we were pouring over the works, the colors still carried by Captain Hill, but he was soon forced to drop them, as he received a

painful wound. The State flag was then caught up by Sergeant Fitch and turned over to another who carried it through the remainder of the engagement. The works were carried and about 6,000 prisoners captured, with forty-two guns, and many horses, etc. The One Hundred Fifty-Second alone took three stands of colors, and covered itself with glory. Nor did it suffer its well earned honors to decline during the remainder of its term. In the battles of North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Strawberry Plains, Reams Station and on the Boydton Road, it bore an honorable part, and was mustered out at the close of the war July 13, 1865.

Other organizations in which Herkimer county soldiers served were, first, the Fourteenth Regiment of infantry, commonly known as the First Oneida Regiment, which was organized at Utica in April, 1861, with James McQuade as colonel. It was mustered into the service at Albany on the 17th of May and left for Washington on the 14th of June, where it arrived and went into camp on Meridian Hill. The regiment bore an honorable part in a minor engagement at Ball's Cross Roads on the 14th of September; was in the siege of Yorktown, the battle of Hanover Court House, at Gaines Mill (June 27, 1862), at Malvern Hill July 1, losing 9 killed, 79 wounded, and 26 missing; entered the Seven Days fight with 500 men and lost 34 killed, 177 wounded and 15 missing; took part in the succeeding Maryland campaign, and left the field at Falmoth November 12, 1863. It was mustered out at Utica on the 20th of that month.

Second, the Twenty-sixth Regiment of infantry, commonly known as the Third Oneida, which was mustered in at Elmira May 21, 1861, for three months; but most of its number re-enlisted at the expiration of the term, under special order. The regiment participated in the battle of Cedar Mountain, in the four days' skirmishing at Rappahannock Station; in the second battle of Bull Run, where Captains Casselman and G. S. Jennings were killed; at Chantilly September 1, 1861; at South Mountain, and at Antietam. It went into the battle of Fredericksburg with about 300 officers and men, and suffered severely, losing some 15 officers killed and wounded, with a total loss of 30 killed, and 120 wounded. It also participated in the action at Chancellorsville. The organization was mustered out May, 1863.



Battery A of the First Light Artillery was raised in Herkimer county, and was accepted for the service October 9, 1861. It went into camp for artillery instruction at Camp Barry, Washington. On the 22d of March, 1862, the battery was attached to General Casey's Division, Fourth Corps, which embarked at Alexandria April 1, 1862, and landed at Newport News. The battery was engaged in the siege of Yorktown, and on the 31st of May took part in the battle of Fair Oaks, in which it had 100 horses killed and the entire battery was captured by the enemy. The company was greatly reduced, and in June, 1862, Captain Bates was authorized to recruit a new company under the old organization, while the remaining members of the old company were attached to Battery H, Fifth New York Artillery, and to the Seventh and Eighth New York batteries. The new battery was stationed at Camp Barry until July, 1863, after which until it was mustered out it was employed in Pennsylvania and on the border to prevent raids into that State.

Company K of the Second New York Artillery was chiefly raised in Herkimer county, mostly in and near Frankfort. Pliny L. Joslin, of Frankfort, was the first captain; Charles Howell, first lieutenant, and Joseph C. Tillinghast, second lieutenant; James Hares, first sergeant; Theodore S. Crosby, second sergeant; Charles Horton, Eliakim F. Howell, Loren True and James H. Parks, sergeants; Peter W. Gloo, Vernam W. Harvey, James Dodge, Harvey Rogers, Charles Rathbun, Andrew M. Lee, Francis A. Lewis, and Myron K. Ellsworth, corporals; David Smalts, bugler; Benjamin J. Ford, and Jacob J. Wright, blacksmiths; John S. Lewis, wagoner, all of Frankfort. While forming this battery was stationed at Staten Island and, in the winter of 1861 went to Forth Worth, Va., where it remained until the summer of 1862. It then joined General Pope's command and participated in the second fight at Bull Run. After that it remained stationed at Fort Corcoran, Va., until May, 1864. The battery participated in the entire campaign of 1864, suffering loss at Spottsylvania, and sharing in many later engagements. Its loss at Strawberry Plain was very severe and included seven commissioned officers in killed and wounded. On the Weldon Road and at Hatcher's Run the regiment was honorably engaged and during the winter of 1864-5 was in camp in front of Petersburg. During the campaign which closed the war the regiment saw the most active

service, after which it returned to Washington and in the fall was mustered out.

The Sixteenth Artillery was raised in this State and mustered into the service between September 28, 1863, and January 28, 1864. Herkimer county contributed over one hundred men to its ranks, more than one half of whom were in Company F. The most severe work of this organization was in the trenches in front of Petersburg after August, 1864. It remained in the service until the close of the war and was mustered out August 21, 1865.

In Capt. John H. Fralick's company (M) of the Second Regiment of Rifles, were between thirty and forty Herkimer county men, with the following officers:

Captain, John H. Fralick, Little Falls; first lieutenant, Eli Morse, Little Falls; sergeant, John A. Fralick, Danube; sergeant, Thomas Manion, Manheim; corporals, Paul J. Perry, William Hamilton, Edward A. Tryon, Patrick Manion, James Costello and Andrew Bang, Little Falls; musician, William Fleming, Little Falls; teamsters, Jesse G. Clute and William A. Wheeler, Little Falls; farriers, Phillip Perry, Danube, and George F. Adams, Little Falls.

The regiment was organized at Buffalo for three years' service and was recruited between July, 1863, and February, 1864. The regiment left Fort Porter in March, 1864, for a camp near Washington. It participated in the battles of Spottsylvania, North Anna, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Road, Hatcher's Run, and shared in the pursuit of Lee to Appomattox. At Five Forks and Jetersville the regiment was engaged, but without severe loss. After the surrender the regiment returned to Petersburg and pending the negotiations between Johnston and Sherman was ordered to North Carolina to reinforce Sherman. With Johnston's surrender the regiment returned to Petersburg and from there to Buckingham, Va., where it performed provost duty until August, 1865. It was mustered out at Buffalo on the 10th of that month. The regiment left home with 1,500 men and during its term was recruited with more than 300. It returned with between 700 and 800 men. In the service a little more than a year, the regiment took part in nineteen engagements.

The Eighteenth New York Cavalry, mustered into the service February 3, 1864, contained about twenty-five men from Herkimer county. Its term of service was comparatively short and hence it did not suffer

very heavy losses. The Fourteenth Cavalry was consolidated with this regiment in June, 1864, and the force as thus constituted was in the service until May 31, 1865.

In this very brief sketch of the uprising in Herkimer county and its generous and noble support of the government in the great Civil War, we have not space for mention of the hundreds of heroic deeds done by her volunteers. In the great total of sacrifice in that struggle a single death, a single deed of heroism, the suffering of any individual, count for but little; together they constitute the history of the greatest of modern wars.

The records show that this county was in the fore front of those comprising the Empire State in its sacrifices for the good of the country.

A draft was anticipated in this county in the fall of 1862, but the offer of liberal bounties and the energy displayed in promoting enlistments avoided that alternative. Again in the spring and summer of 1863, it seemed as though no effort could raise the troops called for by the president; and although the country was electrified by the splendid victories of the Union armies at Gettysburg, Vicksburg and elsewhere, it finally became apparent that a draft could not be avoided. The Twentieth district was composed of Jefferson, Lewis and Herkimer counties and the draft began in Jefferson county on the 25th of August, the proceedings taking place in Watertown. Drafting Herkimer county men began on the 27th, and the following table shows the enrollment and the number drawn in each town:

	Enrollment, 225	Drawn, 64
Columbia.....	" 165	" 46
Danube .....	" 201	" 56
Fairfield.....	" 356	" 103
Frankfort.....	" 647	" 190
German Flats.....	" 295	" 85
Herkimer.....	" 136	" 36
Litchfield.....	" 617	" 176
Little Falls.....	" 213	" 60
Manheim.....	" 206	" 67
Newport.....	" 81	" 21
Norway.....	" 65	" 16
Ohio.....	" 231	" 43
Russia.....	" 196	" 55
Salisbury.....	" 174	" 49
Schuyler.....	" 174	" 51
Stark.....	" 188	" 20
Warren.....	" 19	" 3
Wilmurt.....	" 163	" 44
Winfield.....		

In the fall elections the State went Republican and the county also by about 1,000 majority.

A new enrollment was ordered late in 1863, and with the repeated calls for troops, bounties were increased and recruiting was pushed with energy. Under the call for 500,000 men a draft was ordered for March 10, leaving thirty-five days after the call in which to fill the various quotas. At that time the county had a credit of 363 enlistments. On the 14th of March another call for 200,000 men was issued and a draft for all deficiencies ordered for April 15, 1864. The draft did not take place until June 8, by which date the enlistments had progressed to such an extent that the deficiency throughout the county was very light. The following table gives the details of this, the last draft made in the county :

	Quota under Two Calls.	Credits.	Deficiency.	Excess.
Columbia .....	65	69		4
Danube .....	47	47		
Fairfield .....	54	55	..	1
Frankfort .....	100	100		
German Flats .....	188	132	56	
Herkimer .....	90	92		2
Litchfield .....	41	38	3	
Little Falls .....	176	176		
Manhatten .....	61	14	17	
Newport .....	60	53	7	
Norway .....	25	18	7	
Ohio .....	24	16	8	
Russia .....	88	11	24	
Salisbury .....	59	48	11	
Schuyler .....	51	52	..	1
Stark .....	52	48	4	
Warren .....	58	57	1	
Widewater .....	6	6		
Winfield .....	46	53	..	7

Another call for 500,000 volunteers was made July 18, 1864, to be followed by a draft September 5. Russia was the first town in this county to fill her quota under this call, and through the payment of enormous bounties and the utmost activity and perseverance of the loyal people, the quota was filled. In spite of these repeated calls and the opposition of those who had already declared the war unnecessary and

a failure, the fall elections went strongly for the Union, while troops came forward with alacrity to the succeeding calls of the president, and in the spring of 1865 the people of the county had the extreme satisfaction of joining in the grand demonstrations that were made all over the North upon the surrender of the Southern armies.

There is little further to add to the general history of the county that is not given in detail in following chapters and in the histories of the various towns. It is nearly thirty years since the close of the war and almost the whole of that period has witnessed a steady growth in Herkimer county, in population and general prosperity. This is particularly true of the increase of manufactures, which are fully described in the histories of the towns. At the same time agricultural interests, depending largely upon dairying interests, have been far more prosperous than in many other localities. The opening of the West Shore Railroad in 1883, though holding out considerable promise of benefit, can scarcely be said to have fulfilled public expectations; but the same statement applies to its entire line. The building of the Adirondack and St. Lawrence road and the one extending from Little Falls to Dolgeville, both of which have been put in operation in 1892, cannot fail to be of importance to all of the towns north of the river. In short, it may be said that there are few of the interior counties of the State, especially among those that do not depend upon the progress of some large city, that has a brighter outlook than Herkimer.

In the year 1800 the population of Herkimer county was 16,332. The increase since that time as shown by the census reports is as follows: 1810, 24,742; 1820, 31,017; 1825, 33,040; 1830, 35,870; 1835, 36,201; 1840, 37,477; 1845, 37,424; 1850, 38,244; 1855, 38,566; 1860, 40,561; 1865, 39,154; 1870, 39,929; 1875, 41,586; 1880, 42,667; 1890, 45,608.

The fluctuations of population in the various towns of the county since the census are shown in the following table:

	1850	1860	1870	1880	1890	1900	1910
Columbia.....	1,831	1,893	1,732	1,637	1,589	1,616	1,380
Danube.....	1,791	1,711	1,343	1,324	1,238	1,235	1,116
Fairfield.....	1,493	1,712	1,649	1,653	1,567	1,656	1,553
Frankfort.....	3,217	3,247	3,087	3,065	3,402	3,025	3,988
German Flats.....	3,855	3,940	5,074	5,718	7,371	6,746	7,255
Herkimer.....	2,866	2,804	2,922	2,949	3,322	3,593	4,666

	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	
Litchfield.....	1,582	1,520	1,397	1,384	1,248	1,218	1,055
Little Falls .....	4,930	5,989	5,588	5,612	5,846	6,913	7,512
Manheim .....	1,672	1,868	1,831	2,000	2,173	2,421	3,809
Newport .....	2,015	2,113	1,983	1,954	1,790	1,953	1,835
Norway .....	1,059	1,105	1,080	1,117	1,054	1,045	818
Ohio.....	1,087	1,135	928	1,009	986	961	832
Russia .....	2,288	2,389	2,030	2,220	2,048	2,177	2,145
Salisbury .....	2,306	2,325	2,123	1,933	1,875	1,884	1,800
Schuyler .....	1,690	1,715	1,589	1,558	1,497	1,452	1,259
Stark .....	1,478	1,543	1,522	1,541	1,395	1,476	1,248
Warren .....	1,741	1,812	1,611	1,503	1,461	1,430	1,339
Wilmurt .....	2,268	260	148	191	185	271	375
Winfield .....	1,397	1,480	1,517	1,561	1,539	1,597	1,665

*State Senators.*—The first constitution divided the State into four senate districts—"Southern," "Middle," "Eastern," and "Western." Herkimer county, on its formation, became a part of the last named, but was changed to the Eastern in 1815. Andrew Finck, jr., of Manheim, went from the Western district in 1784, and the next three years; Michael Myers, of Herkimer, from 1796 to 1801, inclusive; John Meyer, of Herkimer, in 1802; Matthias B. Tallmadge, of Herkimer, in 1803, 1804 and 1805; Nathan Smith, of Fairfield, from 1806 to 1814; John I. Prendergast, of Winfield, in 1815. The gentleman last named was a senator from the Eastern district in 1816, 1817 and 1818, and George Rosecrantz, of German Flats, in the next four years. The second constitution divided the State into eight senate districts, entitled to four senators apiece. Herkimer county belonged to the fifth until May 23, 1836, when it was transferred to the fourth. Under the present constitution this county, with Montgomery, Fulton and Hamilton, at first formed the sixteenth district. In 1857 Herkimer and Otsego were made the twentieth, to which, in 1879, Madison was added; and in 1892 changed to Herkimer, Saratoga, Schenectady and Montgomery. The representatives of the district from Herkimer county under the second and third constitutions have been as follows: Sherman Wooster, of Newport, 1823-27; Nathaniel S. Benton, 1828-31; Edmund Varney, of Russia, 1842-45; Thomas Burch, Little Falls, 1848, 1849; George H. Fox, Mohawk, 1850, 1851; Frederick P. Bellinger, Herkimer, 1856, 1857; Addison H. Laffin, Herkimer, 1858, 1859; George A. Hardin, Little Falls, 1862, 1863; John B. Van Petten, Fairfield, 1868, 1869; Archibald C. McGowan, Frankfort, 1872-75; David P. Loomis, 1876, 1877; Samuel S. Edick, 1878, 1879. Albert M. Mills received majority of votes in 1879; Titus Sheard, received majority of votes in 1889.

*Members of Congress.*—Herkimer county, when formed, became part of a congressional district containing, besides, Montgomery, Otsego, Tioga, Ontario, and part of Albany. In 1792 the part of Albany was taken off and Onondaga was added upon its formation. In 1797 Herkimer was put into the ninth district, with Montgomery, Oneida and Chenango. In 1802 it was joined with Oneida and St. Lawrence to form the fifteenth, to which, in 1804, Jefferson and Lewis were added. Oneida was taken off in 1808, and in 1812 the seventeenth district was formed from Herkimer and

Madison. Ten years later, Herkimer alone became the fifteenth district. In 1832 Herkimer and Lewis became the sixteenth, and in 1842 Herkimer and Montgomery were made the seventeenth. In 1851 St. Lawrence took the place of Montgomery in this district. In 1862 Herkimer county, Jefferson and Lewis were constituted the twentieth district. In 1873 the same district was numbered the twenty-second, in 1883 changed to Herkimer, Otsego and Schoharie; and in 1892 changed to Herkimer and Oneida, and now called the twenty-fifth. The members of the House of Representatives from Herkimer county in the several Congresses have been as follows:

VIIIth Congress (1803-5), Gaylord Griswold, Herkimer; XIth (1809-11), John Nicholson, Herkimer; XIVth (1815-17), Westel Willoughby, jr., Newport; XVth and XVIth (1817-21), Aaron Hackley, jr., Herkimer; XVIIth (1823-25), John Herkimer; XIXth-XXIId (1825-33), Michael Hoffman, Herkimer; XXIIId and XXIVth, (1833-37), Abijah Mann, jr., Fairfield; XXVth (1837-39), Arphaxed Loomis, Little Falls; XXVIIIth and XXIXth (1843-47), Charles S. Benton, Mohawk; XXXth (1847-49), George Petrie, Little Falls; XXXIst (1848-51), Henry P. Alexander, Little Falls; XXXIIId (1851-53), Alexander H. Buel, Fairfield; XXXIVth-XXXVIth (1855-61), Francis E. Spinner, Mohawk; XXXIXth-XLIst (1865-71), Addison H. Laffin, Herkimer; Warner Miller, of Herkimer, received majority of votes in 1878, 1880.

*County Clerks.*—Jonas Platt, February 17th, 1791; Joab Griswold, March 19th, 1798; Elihu Griswold, April 6th, 1804, and March 4th, 1811; Peter M. Myers, February 28th, 1810, and February 23d, 1813; Aaron Hackley, jr., February 12th, 1812, and February 16th, 1815; Walter Fish, April 16th, 1817; John Mahon, February 13th, 1821; Jabez Fox, 1823; Abijah Beckwith, 1826; Julius C. Nelson, 1832; John Dygert, 1835; Edwin A. Munson, 1841; Standish Barry, 1847; Elkenah T. Cleland, 1853; Cornelius T. E. Van Horne, 1856; Zenas Green, 1861; Douglass Bennett, 1867; Edward Simms, 1878; Palmer M. Wood, 1880; Arthur T. Smith, 1886; Levi C. Smith, 1889; Nelson E. Ransom, 1892.

*County Treasurers.*—Robert Ethridge, 1848 and 1866; Horatio W. Johnson, 1851; C. C. Witherstine, 1854; Allen W. Eaton, 1857; Floyd C. Shepard, 1863; Alphonzo D. Marshall, 1872; Albert Story, 1878; Caleb P. Miller, 1885; Sylvanus J. Waters, jr., 1888; Thomas Bailey, 1891.

*Assemblymen.*—The members of the Assembly from the territory of Herkimer county while it was part of Tryon were Michael Edic and Abraham Van Horne, elected in 1777 and 1778; George Henry Bell and Abraham Van Horne, elected in 1778-79; William Petry elected in 1781, and 1782; and Andrew Frinck, elected in 1782. From Montgomery county Van Horne was a member in 1786; Henry Staring was elected in 1788, and Michael Myers in 1789-91. Since its organization Herkimer county has been represented as follows: In 1792, 1793, Michael Myers; 1794, 1795, Jedediah Sanger; 1796, Jonas Platt; 1797, Isaac Brayton, Arthur Breeze, Matthew Brown, jr., Lodowick Campbell, Gaylord Griswold, Joshua Leeland, Henry McNeil; 1798, Benjamin Bowen, Matthew Brown, jr., Lodowick Campbell, Isaac Foot, Gaylord Griswold, Henry McNeil, Nathan Smith; 1799, Lodowick Campbell, John Cummins, jr., Phineas Gates; 1800, Thomas Manly, John Mills, John Meyer;



1801, Nathan Smith, Evans Wharry, George Widrig; 1802, Nathan Smith, Samuel Merry, jr., George Widrig; 1803, Stephen Miller, George Widrig, Samuel Wright; 1804 and 1805, Evans Wharry, George Widrig, Samuel Wright; 1806, Eldad Corbet, George Widrig, Samuel Wright; 1807, John Kennedy, George Widrig, Samuel Wright; 1808 and 1809, Aaron Budlong, John M. Petrie, Westel Willoughby, jr.; 1810, Christopher P. Bellinger, Rudolph Devendorff, Thomas Manly; 1811, Christopher P. Bellinger, Robert Burch, Hosea Nelson; 1812, Robert Burch, Rudolph I. Shoemaker, Samuel Woodworth; 1813, John Graves, Hosea Nelson, Rudolph I. Shoemaker; 1814, Christopher P. Bellinger, Jonas Cleland, Aaron Hackley, jr.; 1815, Jonas Cleland, Aaron Hackley, jr., John McCombs; 1816, William D. Ford, Henry Hopkins, John McCombs; 1817, Abijah Beckwith, William D. Ford, George Rosecrantz; 1818, Nichol Fosdick, Aaron Hackley, jr., George Rosecrantz; 1819, Jonas Cleland, Nichol Fosdick, Henry Gros; 1820, Philo M. Hackley, Jacob Markell, James Orton; 1821, Simeon Ford, Thomas Manly, Daniel Van Horne; 1822, Stephen Todd, Simeon Ford, Robert Shoemaker; 1823, Abijah Beckwith, John Dygert, Henry Tillinghast; 1824, Christopher P. Bellinger, Caleb Budlong, John Graves; 1825, Samuel Dexter, jr., Warner Folts, Jacob Wire; 1826, Jonas Cleland, Nicholas Schuyler, Edmund Varney; 1827, Frederick P. Bellinger, Daniel C. Henderson, Richard Smith, 2d; 1828, David R. Currier, Abijah Mann, jr., John P. Snell; 1829, John B. Dygert, Abijah Mann, jr., Cornelius Sloughter; 1830, Frederick P. Bellinger, Russell Hopkins, Abijah Mann, jr.; 1831, Atwater Cooke, jr., Olmstead Hough, Nicholas Lawyer; 1832, William C. Crain, Daniel Dygert, David Thorp; 1833, Dudley Burwell, Joseph M. Prendergast, Sherman Wooster; 1834, Augustus Beardslee, Timothy J. Campbell, Charles Dyer; 1835, Charles Gray, Peter P. Murphy, Henry Tillinghast; 1836, Stephen Ayers, Frederick Bellinger, Thomas Hawks; 1837, Henry L. Easton, Aaron Hackley; 1838, Abijah Mann, jr., Volney Owen; 1839, Benjamin Carver, Atwater Cook, jr.; 1840, Daniel Bellinger, George Burch; 1841 and 1842, Michael Hoffman, Arphaxed Loomis; 1843, Walter Booth, John T. Hall; 1844, Michael Hoffman, Peter H. Warren; 1845, Alexander H. Buell, William C. Crain; 1846, William C. Crain, Henry Eysaman; 1847, Abijah Beckwith, Jefferson Tillinghast. (Herkimer county had now become two districts, the first embracing all the towns wholly or partly north of the river, except Schuyler. The members from the first district will be mentioned first.) 1848, James Feeter, Little Falls; Lawrence L. Merry, Mohawk; 1849, Frederick P. Bellinger, Herkimer; Asa Wilcox, Newville; 1850, Asa Vickery, Ohio; Humphrey G. Root, Mohawk; 1851, John H. Wooster, Newport; Daniel Shall, Starkville; 1852, John Hoover, Clermont; Charles Delong, Richfield Springs; 1853, Arphaxed Loomis, Little Falls; John W. Beckwith, Cedarville; 1854, Gardner Hinkley, Wilmurt; Dean Burgess, Winfield; 1855, Edmund G. Chapin, Little Falls; William Bridenbecker, Frankfort; 1856, Samuel Greene, Fairfield; Amos H. Prescott, Mohawk; 1857, John H. Wooster, Newport; Harris Lewis, Frankfort; 1858, William Coppernoll, Ohio; Harris Lewis, Frankfort; 1859, Solomon Graves, Gravesville; Lester Green, Danube; 1860, Stephen R. Millington, Norway; Irving Holcomb, Cedarville; 1861, John Markell, Manheim Center; Josiah Shull, Mohawk; 1862, Orson Moore, Russia; George Springer, Starkville; 1863, Griffin Sweet, Fairfield; Archibald C. McGowan, Frankfort; 1864, John

H. Wooster, Newport; Ezra D. Beckwith, Cedarville; 1865, Henry Tillinghast, Norway; E. Bradley Lee, West Winfield; 1866, Stephen Turtelot, Herkimer; Archibald C. McGowan, Frankfort; 1867 the county having been made one district in 1866, Seth M. Richmond, Little Falls; 1868, Elisha W. Stannard, Springfield Center; 1869, Erasmus W. Day, West Schuyler; 1870 and 1871, Daniel A. Northrup, Salisbury Center; 1872 and 1873, Eleazer C. Rice, Fairfield; 1874 and 1875, Warner Miller, Herkimer; 1876 and 1877, Myron A. McKee; 1878 and 1879, Titus Sheard; 1880 and 1881, William D. Gorsline; 1882, Albert M. Ross; 1883, George W. Smith; 1885 and 1886, John M. Budlong; 1887 and 1888, P. H. McEvoy; 1889, Dewitt J. Mesick; 1890, John D. Henderson; 1891 and 1892, Henry H. Green.

Herkimer county was represented in the State convention of 1801, which fixed the number of senators and members of the Assembly, by George Rosecrantz, Matthias P. Tallmadge and Evans Wharry. The delegates to the constitutional convention of 1821 were Sanders Lansing, Richard Van Horne and Sherman Wooster. Michael Hoffman and Arphaxed Loomis represented the county in the constitutional convention of 1846.

Lorenzo Caryl, of Little Falls, was appointed State assessor January 28, 1870. X. A. Willard, of Little Falls, was canal collector at that place from 1860 to 1862. Michael Hoffman was appointed canal commissioner April 4, 1833, and William I. Skinner, of Little Falls, was elected to the same office November 8, 1859.

Ezra Graves, of Herkimer, was elected inspector of State prisons November 5, 1872.

Nathan Smith, of Fairfield, was elected one of the regents of the university January 31, 1809.

Presidential electors have been chosen from this county as follows: In 1796, Peter Smith; 1812, George Rosecrantz; 1816, Nichol Fosdick; 1828, Rufus Crain; 1836, Henry Ellison; 1840, Thomas Burch; 1848, Asa Chatfield; 1852, William C. Crain; 1860, Abijah Beckwith; 1878, H. H. Morgan.

## CHAPTER VII.

HISTORY OF CHEESE DAIRYING IN HERKIMER COUNTY.<sup>1</sup>

BY referring to the map of Herkimer county, it will be seen that at about half way between its northern and southern boundaries a part of Hamilton county breaks the regularity of the dividing line, advancing into Herkimer, forming an angle. From this angle, nearly all north (about one-half of the county) is a wilderness, covered for the most part with a dense forest. The soil here is light and poor, the climate cold, and when the land becomes divested of its timber, the snow, which here falls to a great depth and remains long on the ground, together with the early and late frosts, must render the land of little value comparatively for agricultural purposes. This part of the county is the great lumber region, where parties are slowly making their way northward, felling the hemlock for its bark, and the spruce and cedar for flooring-plank, timber, boards and shingles. It is the southern part of Herkimer county with which we have to do; for here lie her dairy lands, dotted with herds, the produce of which has rendered the county noted throughout the continent and in the markets of Europe.

The Mohawk River divides the southern portion of the county, and as we approach that stream from the angle made by Hamilton county the general character of the climate and soil improves, the latter increasing more and more in its fertility.

The limited space allowed for this chapter will not permit us to treat of the various soils in the several towns, and we can only speak of that which is supposed to be a characteristic feature in rendering the lands of the county superior for dairy purposes.

The rock which underlies a large share of the lands in the towns north of the Mohawk is the Utica slate. It is of a dark color, of a soft or flaky nature, is found cropping out in numerous places, and when exposed to the atmosphere and frosts readily falls in pieces and is mingled with the soil. This rock contains considerable organic matter

(according to Emmons, more than ten parts in one hundred), is charged with sulphur and contains lime, and when near the surface forms a soil rich in fertilizing elements, and not easily exhaustible. Instances can be pointed out where fields of this black slate land have been plowed and cultivated for more than twenty years in succession without the application of manures, and yielding good returns each year; and there are pastures and meadows that have lain in grass for thirty or forty years, and which are still yielding abundant crops.

In the towns south of the Mohawk River the Utica slate is found only to a limited extent, the Frankfort slate, limestone and Marcellus shales being the characteristic underlying rocks.

It is the modifying influence which these rocks are supposed to exert on the grasses, and the comparatively large surface over which they extend, together with the abundant supply of never-failing streams and springs of pure water, that render Herkimer county peculiarly adapted to grazing, giving a richness and flavor to her cheese product not easily obtained in less favored localities.

The fall of rain and snow during the year is considerably more here than in many other parts of the State, and this is supposed to act favorably on the grasses and in the preservation of meadows. The grasses usually grown and considered most productive are timothy, June or Kentucky blue-grass, red top and orchard grass, with the clovers, red and white. These grow on the same sward and are well adapted to the soil and climate. White clover and June grass are indigenous, and are deemed of great value for pasturage. Gypsum has for a long time been in general use throughout the county. It is sown in early spring on pastures and meadows, and adds greatly to the productiveness of grasses and clovers. No other mineral or foreign fertilizer is in general use.

*Stock.*—Reliance has been placed for the most part on the native or common cow for supplying the dairies of the county. At first, and for many years after dairying had become established, farmers raised their own stock by selecting calves from their best cows, and in this way the milking stock was greatly improved. The early settlers along the Mohawk came mostly from Germany and Holland, and they brought with them and reared here what was known as the "Dutch cow." She was

medium in size, black and white, often red and white, very hardy, a good feeder and of deep milking habit. The early dairymen got their best cows from this breed, specimens of which are now rarely seen, for as the price of cheese advanced, the practice of filling up the herds with stock driven from other counties, often from remote localities, obtained; and although this means of keeping good the herd was more or less deprecated by farmers as unsatisfactory, still the practice grew and became pretty general.

About the year 1830 Christian Sharer, of the town of Little Falls, introduced the pure-blooded Short-Horn Durhams, and subsequently Mr. Wakeman, of Herkimer, and others brought into the county the same breed. Mr. Sharer, we believe, made a voyage to England, bringing back with him some of this breed. This stock had the reputation of being good milkers, and they were crossed to some extent through the county on the native or common cow, the offspring proving to be superior milkers. Mr. Sharer, it is believed, was the first to introduce thoroughbred milk stock into the county. He owned at the time a large and excellent dairy farm about two and a half miles north of the village of Little Falls, where he kept a herd of forty cows or more, and was considered a thrifty and prosperous farmer.

As years went on other pure-blooded animals of different breeds were introduced, namely, the Devon, the Ayrshire, and more recently the Jersey and Dutch or Holstein breeds. Mr. A. L. Fish, of Winfield, was among the first to try Ayrshires; General P. F. Bellinger, of Herkimer, Jerseys; and Hon. W. I. Skinner, of Little Falls, Ayrshires and Holsteins.

Within the last ten or a dozen years the attention of farmers has been turned to the improvement of dairy stock, and many dairymen are now crossing the thoroughbred Ayrshire, the Jersey or the Holstein on the common cows of the country; and the result has been quite satisfactory in obtaining deep milking stock.

*Cheese-dairying*—Herkimer county may justly claim the honor of giving birth to cheese dairying as a specialty in America. It was from Herkimer county that the business began to spread to the adjoining counties, and from thence to the different States and to Canada. In many instances Herkimer county dairymen, removing to distant lo-

calities, were the first to plant the business in their new homes ; while in many sections cheese-dairying was commenced by drawing upon Herkimer for cheese makers to manage the dairies. Often, too, parties were sent into the county to obtain a knowledge of cheese-making, and returning home carried the art into new districts. Thus for many years Herkimer was the great center from which the new districts drew the necessary information and skill for prosecuting the business of cheese-dairying with profit and success.

Cheese was made in small quantities in the county as early as 1800. In 1785 a number of persons emigrating from New England settled in the town of Fairfield ; among them may be named Cornelius Chatfield, Benjamin Bowen, Nathan Arnold, John Bucklin, Daniel Fenner, Nathan Smith, the Eatons and Neelys, Peter and Bela Ward, Nathaniel and William Brown and others. Some of these families, coming from Cheshire, Mass., brought with them a practical knowledge of the method by which cheese was made in a small way in Cheshire. But notable among these families were Nathan Arnold, Daniel Fenner and the Browns, who settled in the southern part of the town of Fairfield and near each other. Arnold's wife was a cheese-maker, and he is the first, it is believed, who began cheese dairying in the county. He came into the county poor, but he was rich in health and strength.

Except along the Mohawk nearly the whole county was then a dense forest. Brant, the famous Mohawk chief, and his bloody warriors had been gone several years, but traces of their pillage and murders were fresh among the early settlers in the valley and along the river. The old Dutch heroine, Mrs. Shell, whose part in the defense of the family fort has been related, was then living a few miles east of Fort Dayton. The house stood on the black slate hills rising near the Mohawk to the north, overlooking a long line of charming scenery. Beyond was a valley and a still higher elevation. Here the sturdy young New Englander picked his land. His strong arms felled the timber over many acres. He built his log house and established his herd upon the soil.

From such a beginning sprung the mighty giant that is now stalking over the continent, dotting the land with countless herds.

From 1800 to 1826 cheese-dairying had become pretty general in Herkimer county, but the herds were mostly small. As early as 1812-

16, the largest herds, numbering about forty cows each, were those belonging to William Ferris, Samuel Carpenter, Nathan Salisbury and Isaac Smith, in the northern part of the county, and they were regarded as extraordinary for their size.

About 1826 the business began to be established in the adjoining counties, in single dairies, here and there, and generally by persons emigrating from Herkimer county. The implements and appurtenances of the dairy were then very rude. The milking was done in open yards, and milking barns were unknown. The milk was curded in wooden tubs, the curd cut with a long wooden knife and broken with the hands; the cheeses were pressed in log presses standing exposed to the weather. The cheeses were generally thin and small. They were held through the season, and in the fall, when ready for market, they were packed in rough casks made for the purpose and shipped to different localities for home consumption. Prices in these days were low, ranging from 4 cents to 6 cents per pound. The leading buyers previous to 1826 were W. Ferris & Robert Nesbith, from Massachusetts. Nesbith was a Quaker and is remembered as having a sober, sedate countenance. Ferris, his partner, was of a more gay and festive turn.

Their manner of conducting operations was often shrewd. Nesbith, it is said, generally went his rounds first, visiting every dairy, and we are told that he knew how to impress dairymen in regard to the inferiority of their goods, and to raise serious doubts in the minds of many as to whether cheese could be marketed at anything like living rates. He spoke of the difficulties of trade and the pressure of the money market, and was not exactly prepared to purchase, though sometimes in exceptional cases he was prevailed upon to buy certain small lots at low figures. By the time he got through his visitation the dairymen were feeling somewhat discouraged, and were ready to make easy terms with any buyer. Then Ferris made his appearance, and his off hand, generous way of doing business somehow carried the conviction that he was an operator willing to pay to the last cent the value of the goods. His prices were considerably better than those offered by his partner Nesbith, and as this partnership was not known to the dairymen, the latter eagerly closed their sales, with the impression that good bargains had been made.



In 1826 Harry Burrell, of Salisbury, Herkimer county, then a young man full of enterprise and courage, having learned something of the markets and the sly methods of Ferris & Nesbith, resolved to enter the field as their competitor. He pushed his operations with great vigor, and bought a large share of the cheese at a price above that figured by the Massachusetts firm. He afterwards became the chief dealer in dairy goods in Central New York, often purchasing the entire product of cheese made in the United States.

Mr. Burrell was the first to open a cheese trade with England, commencing shipping as a venture about the year 1830 or 1832 at the suggestion of the late Erastus Corning, of Albany. The first shipment was about 10,000 pounds. He was the first, also, to send cheese to Philadelphia, shipping to B. & B. Cooper in 1828 and to Jonathan Palmer in 1830 and 1832. Mr. Burrell is still in the trade,<sup>1</sup> though over eighty years of age, and has shipped cheese abroad every year during the past fifty years, his shipments in the summer of 1878 being about a thousand boxes a week. He is among the few American dealers who have amassed a large fortune in the trade, and by his strict integrity and honest dealing has ever retained the confidence of dairymen. He has invested his means largely in real estate from time to time, and has many excellent dairy farms in Herkimer and in other counties of the State. He has for the past twenty years or more resided at Little Falls.

From 1836 to 1860 several Herkimer county merchants had entered the field as cheese buyers, the most notable of whom were Samuel Perry, of Newport, V. S. Kenyon, of Middleville, A. H. Buel, of Fairfield, Perry & Sweezy, of Newport, Benjamin Silliman, of Salisbury, Lorenzo Carryl, then of Salisbury, Frederick and James H. Ives, Roger Bamber, of Stark, Simeon Osborne, of Herkimer, and several others. Cheese, during this time, was usually bought on long credits, the dealers going through the country and purchasing the entire lot of cheese made or to be made during the season, advancing a small part of the money, and agreeing to pay the balance on the first of January following. Failures would occur from time to time, and the farmers selling to these unfortunate speculators not unfrequently lost the bulk of their labor for the season.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Burrell died several years since, and his business is still carried on by his sons, D. H. and E. S. Burrell.

Up to 1840 the dairymen of Herkimer had made but little improvement in farm buildings or in the appliances for the dairy. Lands were comparatively cheap, and it was no unusual thing for men with little or no means to buy farms and pay for them by dairying. About this time or a little earlier the smaller farms of the county began to be absorbed by well-to-do dairymen, and the plan of renting farms, on what is known as the "two-fifths system," began to be adopted. We think Mr. Burrell was the first to regulate this system of leasing in all its details, and, having quite a number of farms to rent, he established a uniform rate which soon became a standard all over the county where dairy farms were to be rented.

By 1840 farmers had become so prosperous from dairying that they began to pay more attention to the care and management of stock. They not only looked more closely to the comfort of the herds, but "milking barns" for their own convenience and comfort began to be pretty generally substituted for the open yard in milking. About this time, also, the first dairy steamer for making cheese was brought out by Mr. G. Farmer, of Herkimer. It consisted of a boiler for the generation of steam, attached to a stove or furnace, with a pipe for conveying steam from the boiler to the milk-vat, which was of tin, surrounded by a wooden vat, on the same principle as the "milk-vats" now in use. A branch of the steam pipe was connected with a tub for heating water, for washing utensils, etc., used in the dairy. This apparatus, of course, was a crude affair compared with the modern, highly-improved cheese vat and steam boiler, but it was the first invention of the kind, and led to grand results in labor-saving appliances in the dairy. In about ten years after Farmer's invention, which was extensively introduced in Herkimer and other counties, William G. Young, of Cedarville, brought out the steel curd-knife, which was a great improvement over the wire and tin cutters that Mr. Truman Cole, of Fairfield, had invented, and had got into general use. The log presses were also fast going out of use—their places being supplied by the Kendal press. The Taylor and Oysten presses, both invented by Herkimer county men, were further improvements brought out between 1850 and 1860.

From 1850 to 1860 dairying began to assume formidable proportions. Prices had gradually risen from 5 cents to 7 cents, from 7 cents to 9

cents, and the business was considered more prosperous than any other farm industry. During this period the farmers of Herkimer county had generally acquired wealth or a substantial competence, and this was shown in their improved buildings and premises.

In 1857 Mr. Jesse Williams, of Rome, Oneida county (a dairyman who had learned cheese-making in Herkimer), conceived the idea of the factory system, but it did not begin to attract much attention until 1860, when plans were inaugurated for testing the system in Herkimer. The first factories were erected by Avery & Ives, of Salisbury, and by Mr. Shell, of Russia, and were located in the respective towns of the builders, who were also the proprietors of these establishments. The system did not spread so rapidly at first in Herkimer as it has in some new sections, because cheese-making was better understood by the mass of farmers here than elsewhere; and the cheese of Herkimer having a high reputation in many of the large dairies, the dairymen were at first a little doubtful as to the success of the factories. They, however, soon wheeled into line, and now the last State census gives the number of factories in the county in 1874 at eighty-eight, aggregating a capital of \$235,070, and paying out annually in wages the sum of \$48,181.

The number of cows in the county whose milk was sent to the factories that year was 32,372, and in 1875 34,070. The number of patrons was 1,303.

In 1860 Samuel Perry, of New York, formerly of Herkimer county, attempted to control the entire export product of American dairies. He sent his agents early in the season throughout the whole dairy sections of New York and Ohio, then the only two States from which cheese was exported, and they contracted for him the bulk of the farm-dairies at an average price of from 8 cents to 10 cents per pound.

The cheese was bought in the usual way, on credit, a small sum being paid during the summer, while the final settlement and payment were to be made in January.

Mr. Perry, by offering a penny or so per pound more than other dealers believed the market would warrant, was enabled to secure almost the entire make of the season. A great disaster, as is well known, followed this purchase. Much of the cheese was badly made and badly cured, and it became worthless in his hands. Sales could not be made

in England to cover cost. The approaching war caused troublous times, and cut off our Southern trade. Financial difficulties at the opening of 1861 were frequent and pressing, and the great merchant in a large number of cases could not meet his engagements, and many dairymen remained unpaid. The lesson was a severe one to all concerned, but it was useful in this—that ever afterwards dairymen in Herkimer have been cautious in selling on long credits, while no one dealer, single handed, has since that time attempted to control a product which from its magnitude is beyond the grasp of one man's means and resources.

It is perhaps justice to Mr. Perry to say that he battled manfully against the adverse turn in trade, and had it not been for the breaking out of the war would doubtless have met all his liabilities, though of course at a fearful loss.

*The Cheese Market at Little Falls*—The following year, 1861, dairymen and dealers began to meet at Little Falls on certain days of the week for the purpose of making transactions in cheese. There was a large number of home dealers, some of them acting as agents for New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore houses, while others were seeking transactions on their own account. The fact, I think, that so many dairymen had lost money the previous year, and the desire on their part to sell for cash or on short credits, helped to start "sales day," or a public market at Little Falls. Dairymen commenced in the spring to bring small parcels of cheese into town on Mondays, offering it for sale to resident dealers, and transactions were readily made. The buyers soon learned that it was easier to test samples from the different dairies as they were brought to market than to make a special journey over bad country roads to look at cheese which they were not certain could be bought at market rates. It is quite different, they argued, whether the cheese is brought to town or lies on the shelf. When a dairyman brings his goods to market he is ready to sell. If the cheese is on the shelf in his curing room he may not be ready until he has inquired as to the market, or seen some particular buyer. The seller, on the other hand, found an advantage in bringing his goods to town, because he could show them to different buyers, and thus get a greater number of bids than he would be likely to obtain if his product remained in his dairy house. So, by mutual consent, each party, seeing an ad-

vantage in it, embraced the plan, and "market days" for the sale of dairy products at Little Falls were inaugurated. At first two days in the week, Mondays and Wednesdays, were agreed upon, and the plan worked well and was satisfactory to all concerned. Soon dealers from New York and other cities began to visit the market, making such selections as desired, while the dairymen, selling for cash and meeting with buyers who were ready to compete for their goods, were so pleased with the arrangement that they did not care to dispose of their cheese in any other way.

On some market days previous to 1864 hundreds of farmers have been in the streets near the railway depot, each with his wagon loaded with cheese boxed and marked with his name; while some twenty or more buyers were scattered among them and passing from wagon to wagon. Some from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and other cities, with an occasional shipper from England, could be seen examining, boring, tasting, smelling and making bids for the loads.

In 1864 the first weekly reports of the Little Falls market, then and now the largest interior dairy market in the world, began to be made by the writer in the *Utica Morning Herald*. Previous to 1864 farmers relied on city quotations, which were sometimes thought to be in the merchants' favor. Indeed so sharp was the competition at Little Falls that the prices paid at this market every week were not unfrequently above New York quotations, and dairymen from other sections sought eagerly for these reports before selling. The factories also were sending their salesmen on the market not only from Herkimer, but from the adjoining counties, the "sales day" now being on Monday only of each week. From 1864 to 1870 the Little Falls cheese market had acquired so high a reputation that it was considered the center of the trade in America, and its weekly transactions had a controlling influence in establishing prices at the seaboard. Reports of the market at its close were telegraphed not only to parties engaged in the trade in our leading cities, but to the great cheese centers of Liverpool and London. During this time, besides a great number of farm-dairymen attending the market weekly, salesmen from three hundred factories have sometimes been present, while the regular list of factories doing business in the market numbered about two hundred. The quantity of cheese an-

nually sold on the market has been estimated at 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 pounds, but the actual shipment of dairy produce from the county was considerably less, as the factories, after selling their goods by sample, shipped them at the railroad depots nearest the factory.

The following table, made up from records kept at the railroad and canal freight depots within the limits of Herkimer county, will show the surplus make of butter and cheese in Herkimer county during the time referred to. The quantity consumed in the county is not known, but if added would make the product much larger :

	CHEESE, POUNDS	BUTTER, POUNDS
1864 . . . . .	16,767,999	492,673
1865 . . . . .	16,808,352	313,756
1866 . . . . .	18,172,913	232,961
1867 . . . . .	16,772,031	204,385
1868 . . . . .	15,734,920	341,632
1869 . . . . .	15,570,487	204,634

Up to 1871 the cheese and butter market at Little Falls had been held for the most part in the open street, but early in January of that year steps were taken to organize a Dairy Board of Trade for the State, with headquarters at Little Falls,—that being then the chief and only interior dairy market in the country. In pursuance of this resolution a call for a public meeting at Little Falls in February was made, and widely circulated through the newspapers of the State. The meeting was largely attended by leading dairymen and others from different parts of the State, and Judge George A. Hardin was called to the chair, when an association was formed under the name of "The New York State Dairymen's Association and Board of Trade."

This was the first "Dairymen's Board of Trade" organized on the continent, and soon after publishing and sending out circulars giving the plan for organizing such boards, other parts of the country started similar associations, Elgin, Ill., being first to follow, and then Utica, N. Y. The plan spread rapidly through the dairy sections of this State and in other States, and now many dairy centers in different States and Canada have their dairy boards of trade at which merchants and sellers meet on regular market days for the transaction of business in dairy goods. The telegraph is here brought into requisition, and sellers go upon the market knowing something of the demand and the price

on both sides of the Atlantic. At the interior markets competition always runs high, and merchants sometimes complain that margins are narrow and money not so easily made as when the goods were bought at the factory on city quotations. Be this as it may, the dairymen now have a sort of commercial education. They study the markets, home and foreign, and they judge when it is best to realize on their goods.

The first officers chosen by "The New York State Dairymen's Association and Board of Trade" were: X. A. Willard, president; Watts T. Loomis, recording secretary; Josiah Shull, corresponding secretary; David H. Burrell, treasurer; with six directors, all of whom the constitution provides shall be elected annually. The annual meetings of the society occur in February of each year at Little Falls, though conventions are held during the winter in different parts of the State; they have been held at Little Falls; Sinclairville, Chautauqua county; at Binghamton, Broome county; at Norwich, Chenango county; at Elmira, Chemung county; two or more at Utica, Oneida county; and others elsewhere. These conventions have been very largely attended, and have done an important work in aiding the progress of dairy-husbandry in the State.

Soon after the organization of the society, the citizens of Little Falls with commendable liberality contributed several hundred dollars for the erection and fitting up of a board of trade room, and it was completed in good style under the supervision of J. W. Cronkhite, of Little Falls.

When we consider that the annual product of cheese in America now amounts to 350,000,000 pounds, of which 130,000,000 pounds are annually exported, while the annual butter crop is not far from 1,000,000,000 pounds, all must admit that Herkimer county has a record in the history of dairying of which her citizens may well be proud. Mr. Moulton, in his recent address at the international dairy fair at New York, December 7, 1878, stated that within the last twenty years the export of cheese alone has been 1,163,000,000 pounds; and the total value of exported butter and cheese during the same time was \$185,000,000. During the last ten years \$85,000,000 pounds of cheese have been shipped abroad. Nearly all the factory cheese made in Herkimer county goes to England, and many of our factories have a deservedly



high reputation among English shippers for the style and fine quality of their goods.

Many of the factories, like Old Fairfield, Newville, Eatonsville, Mannheim, Middleville, Crain's Corners, the Newport factories, managed by Mr. Babcock, some of the Winfield factories and others in the various towns throughout the county, are so well known abroad for the excellence of their product that orders are often sent from England to agents here to secure the weekly shipments.

Butter-making has never been extensively practiced as a specialty in Herkimer county, although considerable quantities of butter are made in the spring and fall in connection with cheese manufacture. The usual plan, in these seasons, when milk is delivered at the factories, is to allow farmers to skim one day's milk, or the night mess of milk, and then deliver the skimmed milk. In farm dairies the milk is set for a longer or shorter period, and the skimmed milk made into cheese. But this practice obtains for the most part only in spring and fall, while some of the factories will not allow any skimming, believing that a high reputation can only be maintained by manufacturing at all times nothing but "full-milk cheese." A few creameries have from time to time been operated in the county. Among the earliest establishments of this kind may be named the Car Creamery, of Salisbury; the Nichols, of Norway; the Barto Hill and North Fairfield, and the Whitman & Burrell factory, near Little Falls.

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Since the foregoing paper was written but few changes have taken place in cheese-dairying in Herkimer county. The annual production of dairy products shows slight fluctuations from year to year but has neither materially increased nor decreased. The changes which have occurred have been mostly along the line of advanced methods in manufacture, the introduction of improved machinery into cheese and butter factories and of better blood into dairy herds. The machine recently invented by Dr. Babcock, of the Wisconsin Experiment Station, Madison, Wis., for testing milk to determine the amount of its butter fats, is now in use in some creameries and factories, while the separator is quite extensively employed in the manufacture of butter.

Dairymen are giving more attention to means for increasing the capacity of their herds, both with regard to production and quality of milk. The introduction of full-blooded males of the Holstein Friesian, Jersey and Guernsey breeds, for the accomplishment of this end, is consequently receiving considerable attention, which, with better care and management, is gradually improving the average of the dairy cows of the county. The silo, too, is beginning to command attention from the most progressive dairy farmers, a dozen or more being in successful operation in different localities in the county. A movement is also being made in the direction of winter dairying, which bids fair to add new impetus to this already important and prosperous industry.

With regard to the cheese market at Little Falls: While there has been no material increase or decrease in the annual transactions since 1878, yet very much less cheese is being sold for shipment abroad, fully three-fifths of the product manufactured in 1892 having been purchased for home consumption. It is gratifying to note that the demand from this source is steadily increasing and that, without doubt, in a few years all the cheese made in the county will find an outlet through home markets.

The importance of the dairy industry in Herkimer county will be better appreciated by consulting the following table showing the transactions of the Little Falls market for 1892, and also comparative statistics with other years:

DATE	SALES.	COM.	TOTAL	LOW	RULING.	AVERAGE.	HIGH.	DAILY
April 22.....	265	207	472	10	10	10	10	100
May 2.....	720	22,055	22,775	11	11	11	11	100
9.....	1,012	801	1,813	11	11	11	11	100
16.....	1,070	700	1,770	11	11	11	11	100
23.....	1,120	741	1,861	11	11	11	11	100
30.....	1,491	700	2,191	11	11	11	11	100
	15,328	1,010	16,338					
June 6.....	1,075	1,115	2,190	11	11	11	11	100
13.....	948	948	1,896	11	11	11	11	100
20.....	1,761	1,550	3,311	11	11	11	11	100
27.....	1,014	588	1,602	11	11	11	11	100
	22,851	1,010	23,861					
July 4.....	1,100	742	1,842	11	11	11	11	100
11.....	1,052	44	1,096	11	11	11	11	100
18.....	7,174	700	7,874	11	11	11	11	100
25.....	8,095	680	8,775	11	11	11	11	100
	28,125	2,080	30,205					

	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
August	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1st	6,700	7,086	7,040	7,781	7,781	7,781	7,781
2d	2,670	2,670	2,670	2,670	2,670	2,670	2,670
September	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227
1st	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227
2d	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227	7,227
October 3d	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035
1st	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035
2d	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035	5,035
November	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777
1st	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777
2d	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777
Total	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777	12,777

Total number of boxes.....	206,058
Number of pounds per box.....	100
Number of pounds sold.....	20,605.8
Average price per pound.....	.0015
Value of season's cheese.....	\$3,090.87
Value of dairy cheese.....	7,444.4
Total value.....	\$10,535.27

Comparing this result with that of the two previous years, the following differences will appear:

Number of boxes sold, including dairy	206,058
Highest price	21
Lowest price	1
Average price for year	.0014
Average price for year	1
General average	1
Value of cheese in 1890.....	\$1,187,836.05
Value of cheese in 1891.....	1,202,738.70
Value of cheese in 1892.....	218,062.88
Difference in favor of 1891.....	13,902.65

## CHAPTER VIII.

## THE COURTS, THE BENCH AND BAR OF HERKIMER COUNTY.

ALTHOUGH as a distinct county our records are comparatively recent, the early history of the Bench and Bar of Herkimer county takes us back to judicial systems very different from those with which we are now familiar and very similar to those of England. For the British governors after the peace of Westminster introduced such of the courts of the mother country from time to time as seemed adapted to the new colonies; and although our constitution of 1777 abolished such as were hostile to the democratic sentiments of the new era, it preserved with considerable entirety the legal fictions and the judicial systems of its inheritance. It was thus that the new county of Herkimer found in existence such courts as the Common Pleas, Chancery, Court of Probate, Court for the Trial of Impeachments and the Correction of Errors, and others long since abolished or merged in those of the present day. The old Assizes had already passed away and the Federal constitution had taken from the State the Court of Admiralty; but most of those mentioned above still attested our early relations with the complex system of England.

During the exciting times succeeding the administration of the tyrannical Governor Andros, and just after the execution of Leisler and the arrival of Governor Slaughter, and while the charter of liberties was agitating our colony, the Court for the Correction of Errors and hearing of appeals was established. It consisted of the Governor and Council, its powers resembling those of our present court of final resort. The Revolution necessitated a change which gave rise to the Court for the Trial of Impeachments and the Correction of Errors. The constitution of 1846 which made so many changes in our judicial system, entirely remodeled this court. It divided it, in fact, creating the Court of Appeals in place of the Court for the Correction of Errors, and leaving the Court for Trial of Impeachments still composed of the

Senate and its president, together with the judges of the new court. The convention of 1867-68 reorganized the Court of Appeals, and in 1869 the people ratified the change, which resulted in the present court of final resort.

On account of the great mass of accumulated business, a Commission of Appeals was created in 1870, continuing until 1875, possessing substantially the powers of its sister court, and designed to relieve the latter. In 1888 the Legislature passed a concurrent resolution that section 6 of article 6 of the constitution be amended so that upon the certificate of the Court of Appeals to the governor of such an accumulation of causes on the calendar of the Court of Appeals that the public interest required a more speedy disposition thereof, the governor may designate seven justices of the Supreme Court to act as associate judges for the time being of the Court of Appeals, and to form a second division of that court, and to be dissolved by the governor when the said causes are substantially disposed of. This amendment was submitted to the people of the State at the general election of that year and was ratified, and in accordance therewith the governor selected seven Supreme Court justices, who were constituted the second division of the Court of Appeals.

The Supreme Court's jurisdiction as it now exists is a combination of very diverse elements. The powers and jurisdictions of the Court of Chancery, the Court of Exchequer, the Court of Common Pleas, the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Probate Court, the Circuit Court and the Supreme Court proper, have all been combined to make up this important branch of the judicial system. But during our early county history several of these courts existed independently of each other, some of the early lawyers of Herkimer county being among their members. The Court of Chancery, which had been organized when the Court of Assizes was abolished, in 1683, was the beginning of the equity branch of the present Supreme Court. It was reorganized shortly after the Revolution and, with some slight modifications by the constitution of 1821, and by subsequent enactments, it continued until 1846, when it was merged into the new Supreme Court. Equity jurisdiction and powers are now exercised by the Supreme Court, its judges having powers that were formerly possessed by the chancellor.



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The Court of Exchequer, having been erected in 1685, was made a branch of the old Supreme Court just after the Revolution, and so continued until finally abolished in 1830. In our earliest colonial history there had been a Court of Oyer and Terminer, but it was discontinued during the time of King William, its name, however, surviving to designate the criminal part held with the circuit. This brings us to the old Supreme and Circuit Court, with which the Court of Chancery united under the constitution of 1846, to complete the principal branch of our present system. In the early part of the century the Supreme Court of the State consisted of five justices. It had been the practice to hold four terms a year, two in Albany and two in New York; but previous to that time and in the closing years of the last century, the circuit system was established somewhat on the plan of that of England. It was enacted that the judges should, during their vacations, hold courts in the various counties of the State, and return the proceedings to the Supreme Court when it convened again, when they should be recorded and judgments rendered. A few years later the system was simplified by the division of the State into four judicial districts. To each of these districts was assigned a judge whose duty it was to hold circuits in each of the counties therein at least once in each year. It had already been enacted that the Courts of Oyer and Terminer (the criminal part, presided over by a Justice of the Supreme Court) should be held at the same time and place with the circuit, and should consist of the circuit judge, assisted by two or more of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county. The circuit system was very similar to the present, excepting that our Special Terms are substituted for the Court of Chancery.

After the constitution of 1821, the State was divided as at present into eight judicial districts, each being provided with a circuit judge, in whom were vested certain equity powers, subject to appeal to the Chancery Court; while the Supreme Court proper held much the same position as the present General Term. In 1846 the new constitution abolished the Court of Chancery, giving the powers theretofore held by it to the Supreme Court, which it reorganized substantially as it exists to-day. Such is the history in brief of the higher courts of this county and State.

The system of local judicature was also changed to correspond with that of the State at large. The Court of Common Pleas, organized contemporaneously with the colonial Court for the Correction of Errors and Appeals, has given way to the County Court; while the offices of county judge and surrogate have been combined where the county population does not exceed forty thousand. During the eighteenth century the Court of Common Pleas consisted of a first judge assisted by two or more associates, all of whom were appointed by the governor. Its powers were very similar to those of the present County Court, the associate justices corresponding to the justices of sessions on the present criminal bench. The constitution of 1846 abolished the Court of Common Pleas and created the County Court and Court of Sessions as they exist to-day.

The Surrogate's Court has undergone less changes than any of those we have described. In early times and before the Dutch supremacy was overcome by the English, there had been a short-lived Orphan's Court. Then the English government introduced the Prerogative Court, which in turn was superseded by the Court of Probates after the Revolution. Surrogates were then appointed in each county, having much the same powers as at present. This was the system down to 1823, when the Court of Chancery took the place of the Court of Probates in hearing appeals from the decisions of surrogates; but the office of surrogate remained as before.

Our Justices' Courts and Courts of Special Sessions have remained substantially unchanged since the colonial period. The office of district attorney has undergone much change. Early in the century this State was divided into seven districts for each of which there was an assistant attorney-general. The present office, as distinct from the attorney-generalship, was created in 1801. Since 1818 each county has had its own district attorney.

Previous to the erection of Herkimer county in 1791, the judicial affairs of the people were conducted at Whitestown in what is now Oneida county, and there the court-house and jail were situated. Upon the division of the county the records were kept by Oneida county. The proceedings of the Board of Supervisors for 1795 contain a record of the steps taken for the erection of the public buildings at Whitestown.

The committee having the work in charge made a report which contained the following:

The committee proceeded to make the apportionment, as follows, for the respective towns to pay, viz.: Herkimer, 140; German Flats, 185; Norway, 95; Steuben, 90; Whites (Whitestown) 150; Schnyler, 90; Brookfield, 23; Cazenovia, 30; Sangerfield, 20; Hamilton, 22; Sherburn, 15; Westmoreland, 60; Paris, 120.

The buildings at Whitestown were erected in 1793-4 and were used until Oneida county was taken from Herkimer in 1798.

The first court house for the use of the present Herkimer county stood on the site of the one now located at Herkimer village, and was a plain two-story wooden building. It stood until January 25, 1834, when it was burned with other property near it. It was a fortunate fire, for the building was a discredit to the community and of very little actual value. The jail, which was on the ground floor, would not confine a prisoner, unless he was a paralytic, and no one mourned its loss.

On the 31st of March, 1834, the Legislature authorized the supervisors to borrow from the common school fund, on the credit of the county, \$4,600 with which to build a new court-house, and directed that a tax of \$500 a year be levied on the county to pay the loan. Francis E. Spinner, Arphaxed Loomis, and Prentice Yeomans were named in the act as commissioners to superintend the erection of the building. The building was of brick and sufficed for the needs of the county for about forty years. When the erection of this building was contemplated an effort was made by citizens of Little Falls and vicinity to have the county seat removed to that place; but the effort was unavailing.

In the year 1873 the present court-house was built on the site of the old one, which was taken down. The new structure was designed to accommodate the increasing business of the county, and it is admirably adapted for the purpose. It contains offices for the judges and surrogate, rooms for the supervisors, etc., and cost \$45,000.

The jail, on the opposite corner from the court-house, was erected after the burning of the old court-house and finished in 1835, at a cost of \$10,300. It is a substantial building and convenient for its purpose. Edmund Varney, Cornelius T. E. Van Horn, Isaac S. Ford, Jacob F. Christman, Warner Folts, Frederick P. Bellinger and Charles Gray were the building commissioners.

The county clerk's office stands in the same grounds with the court-house, and is a substantial fire-proof structure. It was erected in 1847 by Aaron Hall.

Among the members of the bar of Herkimer county have been and now are many men of eminence in their profession. It is peculiarly appropriate that those whose attainments and public life are worthy of remembrance should receive recognition in a history of this county. Among the very early judges in the courts of the county were some who have already been properly mentioned in these pages, notably Judge Henri Staring, of Schuyler. Another, who was for many years a justice of the peace, was Sherman Wooster, of Newport. He was also appointed one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in April, 1828, held the office one term and declined a reappointment. In 1822 he was elected to the State Senate, and made for himself an excellent record during a very stormy session. In 1832 he was elected to the Assembly. In these various offices Mr. Wooster exhibited sterling qualities and more than average ability. He died in Newport in 1833.

Evans Wharry filled a prominent place in the early history of the county at the close of the war in 1783. He was a native of Orange county, N. Y., and took an active part in the Revolution. He settled in this county in 1785-6, and purchased a tract of land, which embraced the home where he died, near Little Falls. This home is now known as the X. A. Willard farm and is still occupied by his descendants. He was a practical surveyor and was much engaged in that occupation. He was appointed one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas and a justice of the peace in 1798, and held those offices until 1805, when he was commissioned first judge, on the resignation of John Meyer. Under this appointment Judge Wharry held the office until he was sixty years old, the then constitutional limit. He was elected to the Assembly in 1800, and was one of the delegates from this county to the convention called by the Legislature in 1801. He was again elected to the Assembly in 1803 and 1804. He was an active and successful politician, and during the Revolution was a personal acquaintance of Washington, Hamilton, Burr, and other distinguished leaders. He served his country well and faithfully, and died in 1831, at his home in the town of Little Falls.



*Eugene E. Sheldon*



Edmund Varney came to the town of Russia in 1809, when it was a wilderness and became a successful farmer. He was born in Dutchess county in 1778. In 1812 he was appointed a justice of the peace, which office he held twenty-five successive years; was clerk of the town many years, and five years one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, after 1823. He was also supervisor five years, master in chancery, etc. In 1825 he was elected to the Assembly, and in 1841 to the State Senate from the fourth district. Elevated in principle, and urbane in manner, he secured the respect and confidence of his associates and of the community. He died in Russia December 2, 1847.

In our history of Fairfield may be found some account of Nathan Smith, a pioneer of that town in 1790. He was a merchant, in connection with his brothers William and Samuel, and became a successful and prominent politician. In 1798 he was in the Legislature, and again in 1801 and 1802. He was appointed a judge of the Court of Common Pleas and justice of the peace in March, 1805, and in 1808 and 1811. He was chosen a senator in 1805 and held the office two full terms, by a re-election. In 1808 he was chosen as one of the council of appointment. During his incumbency in the Senate important legislation relating to the banks, as well as other matters, was enacted, and Judge Smith demonstrated therein his fitness and ability as a legislator. After the close of his senatorial term he was appointed, in 1814, first judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and resigned in 1821. He died at Fairfield October 7, 1836, aged sixty-seven years.

George Rosecrantz was a son of Rev. Abraham Rosecrantz, the noted early German preacher. He was born on Fall Hill March 15, 1764, and died December 21, 1838, at the place of his birth. At the age of thirty-five he was chosen to the State convention with Evans Wharry and Matthias B. Tallmadge (1801) and in 1805 was appointed judge of the Court of Common Pleas, which office he held until 1821. In 1812 he was appointed by the Legislature one of the electors, and voted for De Witt Clinton. He was member of Assembly from the county in 1817 and 1818, and was chosen State senator in the spring of 1818. He possessed sound sense and discriminating judgment, and was industrious and diligent in his official duties.

Jacob Markell, of Manheim, born in Schenectady May 8, 1770, occupied a position on the county bench. While Manheim was still a



part of Montgomery county he was made judge of the Court of Common Pleas and was elected to Congress during the war of 1812. He was elected to the Assembly from Herkimer county in 1819. He "was very methodical in all his business affairs, and with other qualities possessed a shrewd and intelligent mind which, from long practice, had become considerably imbued with legal principles." He died in Manheim November 26, 1852.

Sanders Lansing was born in Albany June 17, 1766, and was the youngest of four brothers. Educated to the legal profession, he removed to this county with his family in 1820 and settled at Little Falls. He was chosen delegate to the convention of 1821 with Sherman Wooster and Richard Van Horn, and was appointed a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in March, 1821; reappointed in 1823 and held the office until 1828. He also was master in chancery and a commissioner to perform certain duties of a justice of the Supreme Court at Chambers. Judge Lansing was most scrupulous in his faithful attendance upon his official duties, was pure in character, and enjoyed the esteem of his fellows. He died in Manheim, where he lived a few years, September 19, 1850.

Michael Hoffman was born October 11, 1787, in Saratoga county. He began the study of medicine early in life, and obtained a diploma in 1807; began studying law in the following year and was admitted an attorney in 1815. In 1816 he was associated with Aaron Hackley at Herkimer, where Mr. Hackley had established himself in 1807. Mr. Hoffman, by assiduous attention to his profession and his native qualifications, early placed himself in the foremost rank of attorneys. As early as 1819 he began active participation in politics and about the same time removed to Seneca county, but returned in a few years and resumed practice in Herkimer; was appointed district attorney in 1823, and again in 1830, resigning in the following September. In 1824 he was elected to Congress, in which body he occupied a distinguished position during four terms on committees and in debate. On his retirement from Congress he was appointed canal commissioner, in 1835, but held the office only a short time. He was appointed first judge of the county in June, 1830, and held the office until 1833; represented the county in Assembly in 1841-42, and again in 1844. He was a

member of the Constitutional Convention of 1846, and one of the most useful of that body of men. He had at that time gone to reside in New York city, and died there (or in Brooklyn), September 27, 1848.

David Holt was a practical printer and came into Herkimer county in 1805, from the city of Hudson, to begin the publication of a newspaper. This he was soon afterwards forced to abandon for want of patronage. About the year 1811 he was editor of a paper in Herkimer and was postmaster at that place many years, and collector of internal revenue. He was appointed one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in February, 1817, and first judge in 1821; he held the office until 1825. Adhering to the fortunes of De Witt Clinton he lost political preferment with the decline of that statesman, and resumed his trade of printing. For a brief period he published the *Republican Farmer's Free Press* in Herkimer, and then removed to Little Falls and conducted the *Mohawk Courier*, while it was published by Charles S. Benton & Company. Thence he went to Albany where he worked at his trade about ten years, and removed to Wisconsin. Judge Holt enjoyed for years the confidence of the community and met his reverses with fortitude and resignation.

Gaylord Griswold was a native of Connecticut and came westward with Theodore Gold, who became eminent in the legal profession of Oneida county. Mr. Griswold settled at Herkimer and became a conspicuous politician; was elected to the Assembly in 1797-98, and member of Congress in 1803-04, where he was a useful and able legislator. He died at Herkimer March 1, 1809, at the age of forty-one.

Simeon Ford came into Herkimer county previous to 1797, and was afterwards associated with Gaylord Griswold in law practice, in which he became prominent. He was appointed district attorney early in 1819 and held the office until 1823, performing its duties with fidelity and ability. He was often a candidate for office when his chance of election was not good, but his frequent nominations evinced the strong hold he possessed upon the party. At the annual elections of 1820 and 1821 he was chosen to the Assembly. In 1825 he was appointed by Governor Clinton to an office at the salt springs in Syracuse. Previous to this he had become pecuniarily embarrassed through the purchase of lands on the Hasenclever patent. After a few years he resigned his post

in Syracuse, removed to Rochester and five years later returned to Herkimer and resumed his profession in 1832. Not securing a satisfactory clientage, he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, about 1836. There he met with success. He died in Cleveland in 1839.

David W. Golden, a native of Dutchess county, settled in Columbia in 1798, where he was a merchant. He was appointed judge of the Common Pleas in March, 1810, and commissioned first judge in 1811. He held the office until his death, in February, 1814. He was regarded for his honorable character and was a conscientious and discriminating official.

John Frank was a son of a Palatine emigrant, Conrad Frank. He was appointed a justice of the peace for Montgomery county in March, 1790, and afterwards commissioned as one of the justices of Herkimer county (1791) and in March, 1794, was appointed one of the judges of the Common Pleas; he held the office until about 1799. Judge Frank was an active and zealous participant in the Revolution on the patriot side and was present and took part in repelling the attack of Brant and his warriors in July, 1778, in their attack on Andrustown. Judge Frank lived near the south bank of the Mohawk, in German Flats, nearly opposite the village of Herkimer, and there he closed his life.

John A. Rasbach was formerly a prominent attorney of Ilion. He was a great-grandson of a Palatine settler, Johannes Rasbach, who located about a mile east of Fort Dayton in 1726. John A. Rasbach was born May 9, 1805; worked on a farm, taught school, and was a merchant in Herkimer, and was postmaster and justice of the peace about twelve years. During this time he read law and was admitted in 1841. In 1852 he bought a farm near Ilion and removed thither, where he became an active factor in the progress of that section, particularly in railroad operations. He died at his home in Ilion.

Aaron Hackley, jr., was the eldest son of Aaron Hackley, sr., who came with his family and settled in Salisbury near the close of the last century. It is believed that he was a graduate of Union College and that he studied law in the office of Gaylord Griswold. He entered upon the practice of law in Herkimer in the year 1807. In person he was above the medium stature, erect, well formed, dark complexioned, with irregular features. In temperament and manner he was affable, as he



*J. B. Rafter*



was kind in feeling, with good address, and always a gentleman. He attached himself to the Democratic party (then known as the Republican as opposed to the Federal party). In 1814 and again in 1815 he was a member of Assembly from Herkimer. In 1812 and again in 1815 he was elected to the office of clerk of Herkimer county. In 1819 to 1823 he was representative in Congress, and afterward was appointed United States collector of the port of Ogdensburg, and he took up his residence there. Several years later he returned to his old home in Herkimer, and in 1828 was appointed to the office of district attorney for this county for the term of three years. In this, as in every other public office which he ever held, the duties were discharged with fidelity and credit to himself and satisfaction to the public. As a lawyer, Mr. Hackley was highly respectable in standing and ability, but not remarkable for any special or distinguishing power as an advocate or speaker. Later in life he went to New York and lived until his death with his son, who was a distinguished professor in Columbia College.

Ezra Graves was born in the town of Russia in 1803. He began the study of law with S. & L. Ford in 1832, and three years later was admitted to practice in all the State courts. In 1845 he was appointed a judge of the County Court, and in 1847, after the change in the constitution, was elected by the people; held the office about eight years and was again elected in 1859. In 1872 he was elected inspector of State prisons by the Republicans. He was a son of John Graves, one of the enterprising pioneers of the town of Russia. He was a faithful officer and highly respected for his integrity. He was father of Gen. John C. Graves, of Buffalo, and of Dr. George Graves and Margaret G. Mayton, of Herkimer.

Hiram Nolton was educated at Fairfield Academy and spent his early life in that town. He studied law in the office of William D. Ford, and was admitted in 1814, opening an office in Little Falls. He shortly afterward removed to Fairfield, where he remained until 1836. He then returned to Little Falls and continued in the profession until his death, September 10, 1863. In 1825 he was appointed first judge of the county and held the office three years. In 1837 he was chosen district attorney and held that office six years. In Little Falls he was a partner of Arphaxed Loomis for about ten years. He was a partner

of Jarvis N. Lake, 1847 to 1855, and a partner of George A. Hardin from 1855 to 1860. Judge Nolton is remembered as a man who perhaps had not an enemy, and merited and received the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens for both his integrity and professional ability. He left him surviving Mrs. Helen M. Ashley, now a resident of Montclair, N. J. He died in October, 1863.

Sandford Clark was one of the earliest lawyers in this county, but very little is known of his life. He was in practice in Herkimer as early as 1792, and it is believed that he preceded Gaylord Griswold as a lawyer there. He was certainly a contemporary of Griswold, and was the opposing attorney in the first suit in which Griswold was retained. He built the main building of the old Waverly Hotel in Herkimer before 1800. It has been said that his affairs became broken up through domestic difficulties, and that he disappeared from the field.

Oran Gray Otis was graduated at Union College, studied law in the office of Simeon and Lauren Ford, and was admitted to the bar in 1819. He opened an office at Little Falls. He was fairly accomplished in his profession, was a fluent and forcible speaker, and commanded a prosperous business. Early in 1825 he removed to Ballston, where he practiced until his death in middle age. He was elected to the Assembly in 1831 and re-elected the next year.

Dudley Burwell was born in Norway, Herkimer county, in 1801. (See history of Norway herein.) He attended Fairfield Academy a few terms, and about 1824 entered the law office of Feeter & Benton at Little Falls, and soon acquired a good practice and high reputation. He was one of the first attorneys employed by the village of Little Falls. In 1834 he married a daughter of Col. Samuel Young, of Ballston; she died within a year afterwards and he never again married. He was elected to the Legislature in the fall of 1832 and was prominent in that body. In 1836 he was appointed district attorney of this county and made an able official. Mr. Burwell was a man of large brain and sound judgment, with clear perception and application of legal principles and a very good lawyer. He removed to Albany and opened an office about 1838. In politics he was a strong Democrat, and for many years was influential in his party. In 1858 he returned to his old home in Little Falls. Here he purchased several adjacent par-



cels of land on the hillside east of the village, built a residence at the foot of the hill, hired a housekeeper and became a farmer on a small scale, still keeping a lively interest in public affairs. In his later years he was regarded by many as a recluse, if not as a misanthrope. He was, however, really kind-hearted and charitable, of strict integrity and good morals. He died April 18, 1876, leaving a generous legacy of about forty-five acres of land lying in the eastern part of the village, to be known as Burwell Park, to the village of Little Falls, to become the property of the corporation at the death of William G. Milligan. Before his death he caused to be excavated a tomb in the rock on the hillside of the land, in which he was buried.

Abijah Mann, jr., was born at Fairfield September 24, 1793, and received education only in the common schools. He taught school for a short time in Oneida county, and was married January 18, 1814. The same year he settled in Seneca Falls, where he was postmaster, merchant, and built a block of buildings. The pressure of financial affairs in 1815 closed his mercantile career, and in 1819 he returned to Fairfield and entered the law office of Hiram Nolton. In 1822 he was a successful competitor of Mr. Nolton for the office of justice of the peace. In the fall of 1827 he was elected to the Assembly and re-elected the next year. He here became conspicuous as a public man and politician. His career in Congress—1832 to 1836—was marked by the same aggressive and rude strength in debate that he had exhibited in the Legislature, and secured for him a large measure of influence. He had the confidence of the Democrats, among whom were Martin Van Buren, Silas Wright, Azariah C. Flagg, Michael Hoffman and others. In 1836 Mr. Mann took up his residence in Frankfort and remained there until 1842, when he removed to Brooklyn and opened an office with his son-in-law, John H. Rodman. He had been appointed receiver of the Washington County and other banks, from which he received large fees. He subsequently left the Democratic party, and was nominated by its opponents for attorney general in 1855, but was defeated; he ran again on the same side for senator and was again defeated. He then returned to the party of his old affections. His health finally failed and he was an invalid some years. He died in Buffalo, while on a visit, on the 8th of September, 1868, aged seventy-five years. He was reported to be worth more than a million dollars.

Charles Gray was born in the town of Palatine in 1796. He was educated at Fairfield Academy and began his law studies with Henry Markell. In 1819 he went to Herkimer and entered the office of Simeon and Lauren Ford. He was admitted to the bar in 1822, settled in Herkimer, and was for the first year or two of his practice a partner of James McAuley. After that he practiced alone until his death in 1871. He was a lawyer of fair ability and was better qualified for office business than for trial cases before the court or jury. His business was chiefly conveyancing, office counsel, and other unlitigated matters. He was a good business man and good citizen, and for a long time was influential and prominent in the politics of the county. In 1835 he represented the county in the Legislature, and in 1838 to 1841 was one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, and for several years held the office of master in chancery in the county. At the first election of judges of the Supreme Court, under the new constitution of 1846, he was nominated by his party and was elected. He drew the shortest term, two years, of which one was in the Court of Appeals; the reports of the latter court contain a few of his opinions. Judge Gray was fond of military duties and for many years he held the office of brigadier general, commissioned by Governor Marcy.

Arphaxed Loomis was a native of Connecticut, where he was born April 9, 1798. He was a son of Thaddeus Loomis, who settled in Salisbury in 1803. He was admitted to the bar in 1822 and first practiced with Justin Butterfield, at Sackett's Harbor until 1824; in 1825 he established himself at Little Falls; was appointed surrogate of Herkimer county in 1828, and held the office about eight years; was first judge of Herkimer county five years, 1835-40; representative in Congress 1837-39; member of Assembly 1841-42 and 1853; member of the Constitutional Convention of 1846, etc. Later in life he was associated with his sons Watts T. and Sidney Loomis in the practice of law in Little Falls, and died there, September 16, 1886. Mr. Loomis occupied a foremost position at the bar of the county, and as a citizen of Little Falls was always conspicuous in every movement for the advancement of the village. He early became a large real estate owner, which property he developed and improved. He held several village offices and in their administration evinced an active public spirit. In

his judicial and legislative career he gained the confidence and approbation of the public for his ability and efficiency.

Sidney Loomis, son of Arphaxed, was born in Little Falls December 19, 1846, and died in September, 1879. He was a graduate of the Albany Law School and of Union College, and practiced with his father and brother until his death. He was a man of high intelligence, well read in his profession, and one who drew around him a large circle of sincere friends.

Nathaniel S. Benton, to whom the editors and publishers of this volume are so greatly indebted for valuable information preserved in a local history issued by him more than thirty years ago, was a native of New Hampshire, and resided in that State until he came to Little Falls, about 1816. He was born February 19, 1792. At the battle of Plattsburg, September, 1814, Mr. Benton served as a warrant officer of volunteers and received a commission in recognition of his good conduct on that occasion. At Little Falls he studied law in the office of George H. Feeter, and was admitted to practice in 1817. He served as justice of the peace at Little Falls several years, by appointment of the governor. About 1820, or 1821, he made an extended tour through the Western States in quest of a future home for the practice of his profession, but failed to be suited and returned to Little Falls. After this he became a member of the law firm of Feeter & Benton, in which he continued several years, doing a respectable business. From 1821 to 1828 he held the office of surrogate of the county, and from 1833 to 1835 he was first judge of the county. In 1836 he was nominated by the Democratic party and elected State senator for a term of four years. Shortly before the expiration of the term he was appointed United States district attorney for the northern district of New York, and took part in the memorable McLeod trial. In 1846 he was appointed secretary of state, which office he held for two years. In 1856 he was appointed to the office of canal auditor and held the position until 1868, when he retired from public life with impaired health and died June 19, 1869, aged seventy-seven years. At the time of his death he was senior warden of Emanuel Episcopal church. In all the various public stations held by him the duties were discharged with fidelity and with satisfaction to the public. These duties were so continuous that he was allowed

little time to devote to his profession. Indeed, he was better adapted to discharge the duties which devolved upon him in his executive and official life than for the successful practice of law. He was not gifted with the qualities of a public speaker or of a popular advocate at the bar. While he was secretary of state he availed himself of the public records on file in the office to collect some of the materials for his history of Herkimer county, which he published in 1856. His work is still very valuable for reference. Mr. Benton was a man of fine personal appearance, a good citizen and well esteemed wherever known. His wife was a daughter of Eben Britton, an early settler of Little Falls.

George H. Feeter was born in Herkimer county. His father was Col. William Feeter of revolutionary memory. He was educated at Fairfield Academy, studied law with Simeon Ford at Herkimer and settled in Little Falls for the practice of his profession in the year 1811, continuing in business there for over forty years and until his death, February 18, 1852. He had several successive law partners, among whom was Nathaniel S. Benton. Mr. Feeter was fairly versed in the law, and active in temperament, better adapted to the trial of issues before a jury, then to law issues before the court. He held the office of district attorney from 1825 to 1828 and discharged its duties in a creditable manner. Mr. Feeter was the local land agent for Mr. Ellice, the chief proprietor of large tracts of lands in and about Little Falls, and also acted for John Delancy, another non-resident proprietor of lands in this county. These agencies gave him business and influence, but were not a means of personal popularity. He was of social disposition and hospitable in his home. In his early days he exercised a large influence in the municipal affairs of the village. Later, when the laying out and improvement of streets at the expense of owners of lots fronting on them became a part of the village policy, which had the effect, if it was not the design, to induce the non resident owners to sell out, his agency interests became hostile to those of the village authorities. When Mr. Feeter first settled in the practice of law at Little Falls the village was small. He grew up with the village, and his house with its hospitable associations, was a marked object of attention by both citizens and visitors of the place.

Lauren Ford was a nephew of Simeon Ford and several years his junior. He was a graduate of Union College, studied law in the office

of his uncle at Herkimer and upon his admission to the bar in 1812, became his law partner, under the name of S. & L. Ford. This firm for quite a number of years stood foremost in the profession in this county. Lauren Ford was a man of good address and manner, cheerful and agreeable in conversation and social intercourse. He was well grounded in the principles of the common law and the law pertaining to real estate, and ready in their application. He was a fluent and ready speaker with but little action, emotional in temperament to a degree that he was not unfrequently moved to tears in addressing a jury. No man in the county was better known or more popular, and he was himself remarkable for his knowledge of the individual men of the county and of their family descent and affinities, and also for his acquaintance with the land titles and the patents under which they were held. He moved to Little Falls about 1840 and continued there in practice with fair success for many years. He was the candidate of his party at different times for State senator and representative in Congress, but was defeated for the reason that his political party (the Federal and later the Whig) was in the minority in the district. At a later period (1857) when his party gained the ascendancy he was elected district attorney, which office he held to 1858, when he resigned, and George A. Hardin was appointed by Governor King to fill the vacancy, Mr. Ford removing to Brooklyn, where he died. Mr Ford held the office of surrogate by appointment from 1841 to 1845. He was moderate in his charges for professional services and made no attempt to make money by investments for prospective rise in value.

William D. Ford was born in Herkimer county or came here early. He was educated at Fairfield Academy, studied law at Herkimer with Gaylord Griswold and Simeon Ford, and came to the bar in 1809. He established himself at Fairfield in the practice of his profession, where he remained until he removed to Watertown nine or ten years later. He was fairly well read as a lawyer and of good mental ability, but was not distinguished as an advocate before either court or jury, although equable and respectable. In politics he was a Democrat and was the recipient of a fair share of political honors from his party. He was a member of Assembly in the years 1816-17-18 from Herkimer county, during the last of which years he moved to Jefferson county and was in

the next year elected to Congress. At Watertown he became law partner of David W. Bucklin and the firm carried on a successful practice for some years, until Mr. Ford's death.

Elisha Powell Hurlbut was born in the town of Salisbury October 15, 1807. He was admitted to practice June 3, 1828, and had an office at Little Falls on the site where the chambers of Judge Hardin are now located. He removed to the city of New York in the year 1835 and practiced until 1847 when he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court. In 1850 he was *ex officio* judge of the Court of Appeals, and several of his opinions delivered in that court appear in Vols. 3 and 4 of the New York Reports (3 and 4 Comstock), and they were written in a clear, terse style. He resigned the office by reason of impaired health and took up his residence in the town of Newport. In 1860 he removed to Bethlehem near Albany where he resided until his death, which occurred August, 1890. He was a descendant of Thomas Hurlbut who came from Scotland in 1635 and settled in the town of Wethersfield, Connecticut. Gansevoort Hurlbut, a son of Judge Hurlbut, is practicing law in Albany, and Catharine M. Ingham, the wife of Schuyler R. Ingham, is a niece of Judge Hurlbut, residing at Little Falls. He was an able lawyer and a useful judge. In 1856 he delivered several addresses in Little Falls with great clearness in his style and energy in his delivery, at times becoming sarcastic and eloquent.

Alexander Hamilton Waterman was born in the town of Newport, November 6, 1825. After completing his legal studies and being admitted to the bar, he opened an office in Little Falls where he continued practice until his death, which occurred October 8, 1856. He was married to Janette Ingham, the daughter of the late William Ingham, and left him surviving his son, George D. Waterman, secretary of the Henry Cheney Hammer Company and his daughter, Mrs. Irving E. Waters, now of Buffalo. He was studious and energetic in his profession, and in 1855 was the attorney for the plaintiff in the memorable slander case of Snell vs. Snell, tried at the Herkimer Circuit, Hon. Roscoe Conkling being associated with him as counsel. In this case a recovery was obtained of \$1,000. The writer of this paragraph frequently measured swords with him in legal contests, and thereby learned to appreciate his ability, skill and great promise of a brilliant career, which was cut off by sickness and death.



*E. Graves*





E. S. Capron was a native of Onondaga county, N. Y., and became prominent in the bar of Herkimer county. From the year 1832 to 1847 he was a partner of Jarvis N. Lake, and the firm was among the foremost legal practitioners of Little Falls. After the dissolution of this firm he was associated with Henry Link. In 1854 he made a trip to California where he gathered materials for a historical work on that State. Returning east he located and practiced in New York city and was subsequently appointed county judge by Gov. Myron H. Clark. At the expiration of the term he resumed practice and died about 1883 at the home of his son-in-law, Spencer S. Coe, in Stamford, Conn.

Jarvis N. Lake was a somewhat conspicuous attorney of Little Falls, and an active public-spirited citizen; he came here from Ames, Montgomery county. He was a partner with E. S. Capon from 1834 to 1847, and later a partner with his uncle, Delos Lake, until the latter removed to California. He then associated himself with Judge Hiram Nolton until 1854, when he removed to New York. Mr. Lake was prominent in politics as a Whig and held the position of clerk of the Assembly in 1838; was trustee of the village and president in 1854. Delos Lake, uncle of Jarvis N., practiced a few years in Little Falls, and removed to California in 1848, where he was elected judge. He died in that State.

Clinton A. Moon was born in Russia in 1827. Educated first at Fairfield, he graduated from Union College in 1853. For two years he was in the faculty of Fairfield Seminary and then studied law with John H. Wooster at Newport and was admitted in 1857. In 1860 he removed to Herkimer and in the following year was elected district attorney. In 1864 he removed to Ilion and formed a partnership with Thomas Richardson. In 1866 he returned to Russia and mingled legal business with farming until 1875. In 1876 he removed to Newport and practiced there until his death. He was supervisor of the town of Russia in 1870-72. He was a worthy member of the profession and is remembered as a man of high principles and integrity.

Charles A. Burton was born in the town of Newport, his father being Darius Burton. He acquired more than an ordinary academic education and pursued the profession of civil engineer, joining a corps engaged in the construction of the Illinois Central Railroad. After

completing his duties there he returned to the county, read law with Judge Graves of Herkimer and was admitted to practice on the 16th day of February, 1845. He had a bright, analytic mind and became very proficient in the knowledge of principles and case law; obtained a good practice; was frequently chosen as a referee. He married a daughter of the late Col. Standish Barry. He was of a cheerful, companionable, social disposition, readily making and retaining friends. He continued to practice and reside at Herkimer until the time of his death, which occurred about the year 1858, while in the North Woods upon a fishing excursion.

Volney Owen practiced his profession at the village of Mohawk for many years, and in the memorable contest between the late Amos H. Prescott and John H. Wooster for the Republican nomination for the office of county judge and surrogate he had three delegates from the town of Herkimer. After it was demonstrated that neither of the prominent candidates had votes enough to nominate, the Wooster delegates joined the three delegates of Herkimer and nominated Mr. Owen. He was elected and served for the term of four years as surrogate and county judge, his term commencing in 1863. Subsequently he removed to one of the Western States where he died.

James B. Hunt was a practicing lawyer in this county from 1824 to 1836, and resided in the village of Herkimer. He was a son of Dr. Joseph Hunt and born in the West Indies. He came to Fairfield to finish his education, and after leaving the academy entered the office of Simeon and Lauren Ford, in due time was admitted to the bar and at once formed a copartnership with Michael Hoffman. Mr. Hunt was an active and industrious lawyer, was well versed in the law and was a respectable advocate, leaving a favorable impression as to his ability. He was in every sense a pure and upright man, just in his intercourse with his fellow citizens, generous, genial and friendly. He filled with credit the office of district attorney for this county from 1833 to 1836. He subsequently became enfeebled in health and, in hope of improving it, removed to Michigan and settled in Pontiac, where he enjoyed for some time a good practice. In a few years after his location in Michigan he was elected to Congress and served one term. He did not afterwards return to active practice, but held several offices, among

them that of land agent for the government at Lake Superior. His last days were spent in Washington in some subordinate position in a government department. He was an active Democrat in politics. He died in Washington about 1860.

Henry Link was born in the town of Danube in the year 1811. He was educated in the common schools and the Canajoharie Academy, and read law in the office of Judge Lacia. After two years of practice in Fort Plain he removed to Little Falls in 1840. In 1848 he formed a copartnership with the late Judge Capron which continued until 1854, and at a later date he was a partner with Judge R. H. Smith, Hon. P. H. McEvoy, and others. He was twice elected president of the village of Little Falls, and in 1871 ran on the Democratic ticket for county judge but was defeated by Judge Amos H. Prescott. He was familiar with the German language which fact drew to him many German clients. He was a fair and honorable practitioner and enjoyed the confidence of the profession and the public. He died at his residence in Little Falls July, 1891, at the age of eighty years, having remained in practice up to a few weeks of his death.

James Hart was born in Johnstown, Fulton county November 7, 1824. He completed his education at Fairfield Academy and taught school in the towns of Salisbury and Little Falls. In 1851 he commenced the study of the law in the office of Loomis & Griswold, and in 1854 was admitted. He was deputy collector of internal revenue under J. R. Stebbins, United States collector. He held several minor offices, and was a trusted and worthy citizen. He died suddenly on the 4th of March, 1888, at his residence, leaving his sons, James B. Hart and Edward S. Hart, and his daughter, Nellie Hart, him surviving.

Hamilton Ward was born in the town of Salisbury on the 3d day of July, 1829. He was a son of Peter Hamilton Ward and his mother's maiden name was Eliza Cleveland, a daughter of Daniel Cleveland, a wagon maker in Salisbury. When the subject of this notice was four years old his parents removed to Green Springs on the James River in Virginia, and when he was eight years old they removed to Chemung county in this State, where he worked on his father's farm, attending district school. He was admitted to the bar at Cooperstown in July, 1851, and in August of that year he removed to Belmont, Allegany county,

where he still resides. He was elected district attorney of Allegany county in 1856; re-elected in 1862 and in 1864 he was elected to Congress, and again in 1866 and in 1868. In 1879 he was elected attorney-general of the State; and in May, 1891, Governor Hill appointed him judge of the Supreme Court to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Thomas Corlett. In the fall of that year he was elected by the people and is now discharging the duties of that office; being one of the three justices of the Supreme Court now in service who were born in the county of Herkimer; to wit: Judge Ward, born in Salisbury; Judge Celora E. Martin, born in Newport, and Judge George A. Hardin, born in the town of Winfield.

Thomas Dasey was a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1851, and brought to America in the following year. He worked while young in the factories, and later attended the academy where he acquired a good education. In 1874 he entered the office of Link & McEvoy and was admitted to the bar in 1878. After about four years of practice he was elected in 1882 police justice and re-elected in 1886. He was an active Democrat in politics and exerted considerable influence in the party. Genial and warm hearted, and a good debater and effective speaker, he made himself popular with the community. In his administration of the office of justice he left an excellent record for his ability to deal effectively with the criminal classes. He died February 9, 1888.

George F. Crumby was born in the town of Newport in September, 1855. He was graduated from Hamilton College in 1879, and from the law department of the same institution a few years later. He commenced practice in New York city where, however, he remained only about a year. Removing to Little Falls in 1881, he formed a copartnership with Hon. R. H. Smith. In 1882 he became associated with Hadley W. Jones under the firm name of Crumby & Jones, and this partnership continued until his death, which occurred July 25, 1887. Mr. Crumby was elected school commissioner of the first district of this county in 1881 and in 1887 he was chosen president of the village of Little Falls.

John I. Prendergast, long a resident of the town of Winfield, died March 24, 1869, in Brooklyn where he then lived. He was State senator in 1814, member of the Council of Appointment in 1827, and for



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four years was judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Herkimer county. He was greatly respected and esteemed for his high attainments, integrity, and uprightness.

Sewell S. Morgan, of the town of Winfield, was early a leading lawyer in the county. He married Julia A. Fairchild, of West Winfield, daughter of Anson P. Fairchild, one of the first settlers of that town. He was elected district attorney in 1864.

Sketches of Samuel Earl, Robert Earl, Geo. A. Hardin, A. M. Mill, W. F. Lansing, Amos H. Prescott, A. B. Steele, C. W. Prescott, James B. Rafter, Ezra Graves and others will be found in the biographical department of this volume.

Following is a list of the present members of the bar of Herkimer county.

Dolgeville, Edward A. Brown; Danube, A. C. Dingman; Frankfort, Jos. J. Dudleston, jr., Frank B. Parkhurst, E. Lagrange Smith, Harry G. Folts; Herkimer, Robert Earl, George W. Smith, Josiah A. Steele, Abram B. Steele, J. Dryden Henderson, William C. Prescott, E. B. Mitchell, I. R. Devendorf, Adam J. Smith, Charles Bell, William Witherstine, Charles E. Snyder, George H. Bunce, Robert E. Steele; Ilion, Thomas Richardson, George O. Rasbach, James Conklin, Fred H. Bennett, A. D. Richardson, Lincoln C. Ackler; Little Falls, George A. Hardin, H. Clay Hall, Albert M. Mills, Charles J. Palmer, Rollin H. Smith, Watts T. Loomis, E. E. Sheldon, Edward Simms, Edward J. Coffin, P. H. McEvoy, Fred I. Small, William F. Lansing, D. A. Champion, Myron G. Bronner, John D. Beckwith, Charles L. Petree, Frank H. Willard, J. W. Fitzgerald, Hadley Jones, A. H. Bellinger, H. A. De Coster, P. H. Murphy, Richard Hurley, Nelson R. Gilbert; Mohawk, James B. Rafter; Newport, George M. Wirt, Charles L. Fellows; Cullen, J. Howard Green; Poland, Milton Howe; West Winfield, C. D. Thomas.

*First Judges of the Court of Common Pleas appointed by the governor*—Henry Staring, February 17, 1791; Jedediah Sanger, March 8, 1797; John Meyer, October 30, 1800; Evans Wharry, March 18, 1805; David V. W. Golding, March 27, 1810; Nathan Smith, April 7, 1814; David Holt, January 10, 1821; Henry Brown, February 3, 1823; Hiram Nolton, March 23, 1825; Michael Hoffman, March 21, 1830; Nathaniel S. Benton, April 3, 1833; Arphaxed Loomis, March 23, 1835; Arunah C. H. Smith, January 24, 1840; Ezra Graves, January 24, 1845.

*County Judges*.—Ezra Graves, June, 1847, and November, 1859; Robert Earl, 1855; Volney Owen, 1863; Amos H. Prescott, 1867; Amos H. Prescott, 1878–1883; Rollin H. Smith, 1884–1889; Eugene E. Sheldon, 1890.

*Surrogates* (appointed by the governor under the Second Constitution).—Moses De Witt, February 17, 1791; Sanford Clark, March 19, 1798; Dan Chapman, March 23, 1803; Philo M. Hackley, March 28, 1807; Abijah Tombling, November 6, 1816; Nathaniel S. Benton, March 29, 1821; Arphaxed Loomis, January 10, 1828; Charles S. Benton, July 10, 1837; Lauren Ford, April 2, 1841; Ezra Graves, April 2, 1845. Under the present constitution of the State the office of surrogate in Herkimer, and a number of other counties which had each less than 40,000 population when the constitution was adopted, has been consolidated with that of county judge.

*Justices of Sessions*—1878, Orrin A. Ford, John F. Rogers; 1879, C. P. Miller, Harvey R. Kibbe; 1880, J. E. S. Wilkinson, William Helmer; 1881–1882, Elon G. Burrows, Henry Sherman; 1883, C. P. Miller, Frank Faville; 1884, Frank L. Brace, Thomas C. Murray; 1885, Elon G. Burrows, James Sharp; 1886, E. H. Doolittle, Alexander Fox; 1887, E. H. Doolittle, I. E. Jackson; 1888, V. S. Farrington, I. E. Jackson; 1889, V. S. Farrington, William S. Burt; 1890, Levi Shaul, E. T. Lester; 1891, C. W. Prescott, Munson Bunnell; 1892, C. W. Prescott, Albert S. Coe.

*District Attorneys*.—Under the Second Constitution, which was adopted in 1822 and in force until the end of 1846, district attorneys were appointed by the Court of General Sessions; for the last forty-seven years they have been chosen by popular vote at the November elections. The list for Herkimer county is as follows: Thomas R. Gold, February 26, 1797; Nathan Williams, August 20, 1801; Joseph Kirkland, February 23, 1813; Thomas H. Hubbard, February 26, 1816; Simeon Ford, June 11, 1818, and September, 1836; Michael Hoffman, May, 1823, and March, 1836; George H. Feeter, 1825; Aaron Hackley, 1828; James B. Hunt, 1833; Dudley Burwell, 1836; Hiram Nolton, 1837; George B. Judd, 1847; Volney Owen, 1850; Lauren Ford, 1856; George A. Hardin, January 28, 1858, and elected in the following November; Clinton A. Moon, 1861; Sewel S. Morgan, 1864; Charles G. Burrows, 1867; Albert M. Mills, 1870; Joseph J. Dudleston, jr., 1876; Abram B. Steele, 1880; Eugene E. Sheldon, 1886; Irving R. Devendorf, 1889.

*Sheriffs*.—William Colbraith, February 17, 1791, and February 9, 1796; Peter Smith, February 18, 1795; Chauncey Woodruff, March 19, 1798; William H. Cook, March 17, 1802, and March 5, 1807; Ephraim Snow, March 6, 1806; John Mahon, February 22, 1808, March 4, 1811, and March 2, 1815; Philo M. Hackley, February 28, 1810; Henry Hopkins, February 23, 1813; Robert Shoemaker, February 13, 1817; Stephen Hallett, February 13, 1821, and November, 1822; John Dygert, 1825; John Graves, 1828; Frederick P. Bellinger, 1831; Francis E. Spinner, 1834; Stephen W. Brown, 1837; William C. Crain, 1840; Jeremiah Corey, 1843; William I. Skinner, 1846; Daniel Hawn, 1849; Lorenzo Carryl, 1852; Peter Countryman, 1855; James J. Cook, 1857; Seth M. Richmond, 1861; George M. Cleland, 1864; James H. Weatherwax, 1867; Alexander Smith, 1870; Volney Eaton, 1873; James H. Ives, 1876; De Witt C. Paine, 1880; Valentine Brown, 1883; Delevan L. Cook, 1886; Newell Morey, 1889; Sylvester Wilson, 1892.

## CHAPTER IX.

## THE HERKIMER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

THIS venerable society was organized on the 5th day of August, 1806, at a general meeting of the physicians of the county, held at the court house, pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State, regulating the practice of physic and surgery, passed April 4, 1806.

Dr. George Rogers was chosen chairman, and Dr. Westel Willoughby, jr., secretary, for the day. On canvassing the votes for officers of the society, Dr. Westel Willoughby, jr., was elected president; George Rogers, vice-president; Andrew Farrell, secretary; and Amos Haile, treasurer.

Drs. Amos Haile, Andrew Farrell, Jonathan Sherwood, Rufus Crain and Isaac Sears, were chosen censors.

The names of the physicians present at this meeting were: Westel Willoughby, jr., George Rogers, Andrew Farrell, Amos Haile, Abijah Tombling, David Perry, Jonathan Sherwood, John Eastman and Samuel Redfield.

The first Tuesday in January in each year was assigned as the anniversary of the society. At the annual meeting, held at the court-house in January, 1807, the society resolved, that to entitle a physician to become a member of the society, he must either produce a diploma from some medical society in the United States, agreeable to the law of this State, or a voucher that he is a reputable physician.

Westel Willoughby, jr., M. D., was appointed a delegate from the society to meet the delegates from the other counties in the State, on the first Tuesday in February, 1807, to form a State medical society.

Drs. Benjamin Hazen, Nathan Harwood, James Hadley, Isaac Sears, Jacob Abrams and William Traver were admitted members of the society. A committee was appointed to form a code of by-laws, who reported the same at an adjourned meeting, on the 5th of May following, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed. Dr. Willoughby was requested to deliver a dissertation before the society, at

the adjourned meeting in May, 1807. In 1808, at the quarterly meeting in May, a seal was ordered to be procured for the use of the incorporation; and at the anniversary meeting in January, 1809, the meetings of the society were reduced from four to two annually, and a fine of one dollar imposed for non-attendance.

Dr. Willoughby was continued president of the society, until January, 1816, when Rufus Crain was elected, who held one year, and was succeeded by James Hadley, who also held the office one year, and was succeeded by Westel Willoughby, M. D., in 1818. This year the society passed an order, that the county censors of any incorporated medical society should not proceed to examine a student for a license to practice physic and surgery, unless he produce a certificate of having attended at least one session at one of the medical colleges in the United States or in Europe, after the first day of January, 1818.

Dr. Willoughby held the office of president of the society until January, 1837, when he delivered a farewell address, for which, and for his constant and unwearied exertions for the interest and welfare of the society, a vote of thanks was tendered to him. The society, also, by resolution, requested a copy of the address, and also a copy of a communication that day made by him, to be deposited in the archives of the society. In 1818, a vote was taken to apply the funds of the society to increase the library of the medical college at Fairfield, on condition that its members could have the benefit of the library during the recess of the lectures at the college. In January, 1814, a resolution was passed, that every medical practitioner in the county who was not then a member, be notified by the secretary to attend at the next regular meeting of the society, and connect himself therewith, pursuant to the act passed in 1818.

In January, 1823, an order was passed to apply the funds of the society, in the hands of the treasurer, to the benefit of the college library, in accordance with a previous resolution. The funds afterwards received were also appropriated to the same object. In 1825 the society asked the trustees of the college to pass a resolution, that all the books purchased by its funds should be delivered to the society, when the college should be located in some other place than Fairfield. In 1828 the society adopted resolutions of condolence with the families of Drs.



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Bryan, Willard and Todd, who died the preceding year, and requested biographical sketches of their lives to be deposited in the archives of the society. The society had not met with a more severe loss in one year. These gentlemen were of high professional repute, and of great personal worth. The society in 1830 had its attention called to the evils of intemperance, and resolved unanimously to discountenance the use of ardent spirits; and the annual meetings were changed to the first Tuesday in June, in each year.

In 1831 measures were taken to procure a medical topographical survey of the county, in accordance with a circular from the State Medical Society. There is no record that the several committees, appointed under the resolution, to procure the survey, ever made any reports. Dr. Calvin W. Smith was designated as the candidate to the State Medical Society, for the honorary degree of doctor of medicine.

The society this year, 1832, took measures to petition the Legislature, to restore that part of the revised statutes, regulating the practice of physic and surgery, repealed by the act of 1830; and appointed a committee to circulate memorials for that object.

In 1837 the society adopted a regulation requiring the physician employed at the county poor house to make an annual report of his cases of practice; that the library committee should make an investigation into the state of the society's library, count the number of books on hand, and compare the treasurer's reports, and the augmentation of the library for the preceding five years. Also, that each member of the society be requested to keep a record of all the deaths which might occur in his practice, the age of the patients, the diseases of which they died, and how far said deaths were caused by intemperate habits of life, and report thereon to the society.

Dr. Harvey W. Doolittle was chosen president of the society in June, 1837, was succeeded by Dr. Calvin W. Smith for one year in June, 1838, and was again chosen in 1839, and held the office by annual election until June, 1842.

In January, 1839, the society adopted the following:

"Whereas, by the dispensation of Divine Providence, since our last meeting, this society has been deprived of one of its most valuable members, and the community of one of its brightest ornaments, in the death of Dr. John Holmes:

Resolved, That the members of this society shall wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, as a testimony of their high respect for their deceased friend; and that the secretary be a committee to present the condolence of this society to the relations of the deceased."

At the semi-annual meeting in January, 1840, the society adopted a like resolution on the announcement of the death of Dr. Calvin W. Smith, and appointed a committee to write a biographical sketch of the lives of Drs. Smith and Holmes.

The professors of the Medical College at Fairfield, having resigned, and the trustees of that institution having failed to procure the appointment of others to continue the lectures, the society, in 1843, took effectual measures to reclaim, secure and preserve the society library, which had been deposited in the college under the care of the trustees and professors of that institution, as before noticed.

In June, 1842, Dr. Lester Green was elected president of the society, and a resolution was adopted pledging the influence of the members to forward any feasible plan for resuscitating the Medical College at Fairfield, and tendering the use of the society's library to the trustees of the college when the professorships should be filled and the lectures resumed.

At the annual meeting in 1843, Dr. Green was re-elected president. The whole number of volumes on the catalogue of the society's library was 590, of which 475 were brought from Fairfield, fifty-four were charged to members and sixty-three were lost or missing. The society adopted a set of by laws, regulating the safe keeping and the use of the library. Dr. Alfred E. Varney was chosen president at the annual meeting in 1844, and the delegate to the State society was requested to lay before that body the opinion entertained by this society, "that it is the duty of the medical faculty generally, to memorialize the Legislature of this State to procure the passage of a law to prohibit the sale or use of any secret compound as a medicine," and to ask the State society to adopt measures to lay this subject before the Legislature at the next session. These proceedings were rescinded at a subsequent meeting. Some doubts having been entertained, growing out of the legislation of the State in respect to medical societies, in regard to the legal existence of the society, a resolution was adopted in January, 1845, to con-



tinue the association as an organized body, and the unanimous opinion of the society to that effect was declared.

Dr. Abram Snyder was chosen president in June, 1845. A resolution was passed to appoint a committee to present the condolence of the society to the family of Dr. Westel Willoughby, deceased, and request a biography of his life, and also that the society should wear the usual badge of mourning.

At the annual meeting in 1846, Dr. Caleb Budlong was elected president; Dr. Walter Booth in 1848, and Dr. Abram Snyder, again in 1849. Drs. J. R. Brown, Wheeler, Griffith and Snyder were elected delegates to the National Medical Association. Drs. Brown and Wheeler were appointed a committee to prepare and present to the society a biographical sketch of the life of Dr. Lester Green. The transactions of the society at its annual meeting in June, 1847, do not appear to have been recorded, nor is the death of Dr. Lester Green noticed except as above mentioned.

Dr. Harvey W. Doolittle was elected president of the society in 1850 and 1851. Drs. Booth, Brown, A. F. Doolittle and D. Belknap were appointed delegates to the National Medical Association in 1850. In June, 1852, Dr. A. Green was chosen president, and Drs. A. F. Doolittle, C. A. Griffith, A. Hawn, and W. Booth were appointed delegates to the National Medical Association.

The society, at its annual meeting in June, 1853, elected Dr. Walter Booth president, and appointed Drs. Budlong, Griffith, Hawn and Parkhurst delegates to the National Medical Association.

The proceedings of the semi-annual meeting of the society in January, 1852, are deeply, nay more, solemnly interesting. Dr. C. A. Griffith presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the allwise disposer of events to remove from this life our late friend and brother, Harvey W. Doolittle, one of the oldest, most eminent and highly respected physicians of this county, and who was for many years president of this society; Be it therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply deplore the loss sustained by his bereaved family, by the medical society, of which he was long an active member, and by the public at large, in the death of that excellent man and physician, Dr. *Harvey W. Doolittle*, whose professional attainments, not less than his own personal qualities, contributed to render him a most useful and estimable member of the community:

That we know and cherish his place as a friend and a citizen, that we admire his sound judgment, his scientific knowledge and philanthropic spirit, which gave him a desirable eminence in his profession:

That we love and lament him as a friend, and we doubt not his translation to a higher and happier sphere, where the pains and cares of this transient life give place to unbroken rest and unspeakable felicity.

Following is a list of the successive presidents of the Medical Society from its organization to the present time:

Westel Willoughby, Jr., 1806 to 1814, inclusive; Rufus Crain, 1816; James Hadley, 1817; W. Willoughby, 1818 to 1836, inclusive; H. W. Doolittle, 1837; Calvin W. Smith, 1838; H. W. Doolittle, 1839-40-41; Lester Green, 1842-43; Alfred E. Varney, 1844; Abram Snyder, 1845; Caleb Budlong, 1846; W. Booth, 1847; Abram Snyder, 1849; H. W. Doolittle, 1850-51; Abel Green, 1852; Walter Booth, 1853; W. H. Parkhurst, 1854; Abram Hawn, 1855; Griffin Sweet, 1856; A. F. Doolittle, 1857; F. B. Etheredge, 1858-59; ——— Hemstreet, 1860-61; (records missing to 1871); A. G. Barney, 1871; James M. Rose, 1872; Griffin Sweet, 1873; Benjamin E. Bushnell, 1874; George Graves, 1875; H. A. France, 1876; Stephen Ingham, 1877; Charles W. Hamlin, 1878; James E. Casey, 1879; A. James Browne, 1880; Charles J. Hall, 1881; John P. Sharer, 1882; James F. Huntley, 1883; W. W. Budlong, 1884; D. N. Walker, 1885; E. N. Draper, 1886; Eli Fox, 1887; P. A. Skiff, 1888; M. A. Southworth, 1889; W. D. Garlock, 1890; I. S. Edsall, 1891; K. A. Bushnell, 1892.

The following have been secretaries of the society:

Andrew Farwell, 1806 to 1809, inclusive; Jacob Abrams, 1810; W. H. Doolittle, 1811 to 1814, inclusive; Jacob L. Sherwood, 1816 to 1818, inclusive; M. L. Bryan, 1819 to 1822, inclusive; H. W. Doolittle, 1823; M. L. Bryan, 1824-25; Moses Johnson, 1826 to 1836, inclusive; A. F. Doolittle, 1838 to 1840, inclusive; F. B. Etheredge, 1841; C. L. Easton, 1842-43; Griffin Sweet, 1844-45; C. A. Griffeth, 1846 to 1851, inclusive; Adam Miller, 1852-53; S. R. Millington, 1854; C. A. Griffeth, 1855; J. E. Casey, 1856; J. E. Casey, 1857; C. A. Griffeth, 1858; H. H. Green, 1860-61; C. W. Hamlin, 1871; A. Walter Suiter, 1872 to 1892, inclusive.

Of the proceedings and character of the Herkimer County Medical Society in the later years of its existence it may be said that it has always been found in the front rank on all matters of State and National polity as connected with the practice of medicine. At a meeting held in 1882, a very animated discussion was held on questions of ethics, and a resolution was passed declaring the allegiance of the society to the Code of 1847, and against the one that had been adopted by the State Society in 1881. Many able papers have been prepared and read before the society during its existence, showing that the ability of its membership as a whole has been of a high order.



*W. D. Garlock*



On account of its value for reference by present and future members of the profession, we give the following list of all physicians who have registered in the clerk's office of this county since 1880, under the law governing that matter :

Vaughn C. Potter, Van Hornesville, born in Salisbury, Herkimer county; Geneva College of Physic and Surgery, January 24, 1860. Registered July, 1880.

Augustus Walter Suiter, born in Herkimer; College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia College, March, 1871. Registered July, 1880.

Lyman C. Dexter, born in Newport, Herkimer county, residence Newport; University of Michigan, June 26, 1879. Registered July, 1880.

Delevan N. Walker, residence at Ilion, Herkimer county, born in Root, Montgomery county; Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, March 9, 1858. Registered July 16, 1880.

Robert W. Warner, born at Baltimore, Md., residence Ilion; Albany Medical College, March 5, 1880. Registered July 21, 1880.

Frederick F. Comstock, born in Western, Oneida county, residence Ilion; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, February 27, 1873. Registered July 22, 1880.

Robert J. La Fonzo, born at Galveston, Texas, residence Brooklyn; Indiana Central Medical College and Asbury University, March 1, 1867. Registered July 24, 1880.

Abram Guivits, born in Stark, Herkimer county, residence Salisbury Centre; Castleton Medical College, Vt., 1850. Registered July 26, 1880.

Alfred A. Moors, born in Plainfield, Otsego county, residence West Winfield, Herkimer county, Memphis Medical College, Tenn., March 1, 1854. Registered July 26, 1880.

James I. Rasback, born at Ilion, residence Ilion; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, February 26, 1876. Registered July 6, 1880.

C. J. Hall, born in Queens county, residence Norway, Herkimer county; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 31, 1870. Registered July 27, 1880.

H. B. Mabin, born in Halcott, Greene county, N. Y., residence Ilion; Albany Medical College, December 22, 1867. Registered July 27, 1880.

Adam Miller, born in Columbia, Herkimer county, residence Jordanville; Geneva Medical College, January, 1844. Registered August 7, 1880.

W. W. Budlong, born at Frankfort, Herkimer county, residence Frankfort; Buffalo Medical College, June 3, 1848. Registered August 10, 1880.

William H. Stebbins, born in Manheim, Herkimer county, residence Little Falls; College of Physicians and Surgeons western district of New York, February, 1834. Registered August 12, 1880.

Alfred Beach, born at New York city, residence Ilion, N. Y.; Homeopathic Medical College, March 1, 1875. Registered August 13, 1880.

Eli Fox, born in Columbia, Herkimer county, residence Mohawk; New York University, March 25, 1855. Registered August 16, 1880.

Wm. H. Harter, born at Herkimer, residence Herkimer; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, March 4, 1852. Registered August 17, 1880.

Silas Ingham, born in Nassau, Rensselaer county, residence Little Falls; College of Physicians and Surgeons, Fairfield, February, 1839. Registered August 17, 1880.

Stephen A. Ingham, born at Ingham's Mills, Herkimer county, residence Little Falls; Albany Medical College, December 26, 1871. Registered September 9, 1880.

Albert J. Browne, born in Warren, Herkimer county, residence Newport, Herkimer county; Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., 1865. Registered August 20, 1880.

Charles W. Hamlin, born at Holland Patent, residence Middleville; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, March, 1866. Registered August 26, 1880.

Benjamin E. Bushnell, born in Fairfield, residence Little Falls; Albany Medical College, January, 1844. Registered August 26, 1880.

Kenyon A. Bushnell, born at Albany, residence Little Falls; Albany Medical College, January 29, 1878. Registered August 26, 1880.

Harvey J. Christman, born at Herkimer, residence Columbia; Albany Medical College, December 27, 1864. Registered August 28, 1880.

Peter Pryne, born at Frankfort, Herkimer county, residence Herkimer; Geneva Medical College, January 27, 1846. Registered August 31, 1880.

Isaac N. Willard, born in Fairfield, residence Fairfield; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, February 23, 1875. Registered August 28, 1880.

Adelbert J. Douglass, born in Leyden, Lewis county, residence Ilion; Long Island College Hospital, June 26, 1873. Registered August 31, 1880.

George Graves, born at Herkimer, residence Herkimer; Buffalo Medical College, February 22, 1870. Registered September 1, 1880.

Lucius L. Brainard, born in Exeter, Otsego county, N. Y., residence, Little Falls; New York Homeopathic Medical College, March 5, 1874. Registered September 1, 1880.

John D. Young, born at Springfield, Otsego county, residence Starkville; "Academia Medicinæ Kentuckiensis," 1865. Registered September 2, 1880.

John P. Sharer, born in Little Falls, residence Little Falls; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, March 1, 1848. Registered September 1, 1885.

Cyrus Kay, jr., born at Frankfort, residence Herkimer; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, March 12, 1880. Registered September 1, 1880.

William H. H. Parkhurst, born in Winfield, Herkimer county, residence Frankfort; College of Physicians and Surgeons, Fairfield, January 23, 1840. Registered September 7, 1880.

James Hemmestreet, born in Ohio, Herkimer county, residence Poland; Oneida County Medical Society, Utica, October 14, 1874. Registered September 8, 1880.

Almanzo G. Barney, born in Newport, Herkimer county, residence Brockett's Bridge; Albany Medical College, December 24, 1860. Registered September 7, 1880.

Henry A. France, born in Herkimer, residence Poland; Albany Medical College, December 25, 1864. Registered September 10, 1880.

Nelson Isham, born in Connecticut, residence Little Falls; Yale Medical College, March 4, 1828. Registered September 11, 1880.

G. T. Hyland, born in Madison county, residence Little Falls; Bellevue Medical College, March 1, 1879. Registered September 11, 1880.

William Landt, born in Danube, Herkimer county, residence Mohawk; New York Medical College, March 2, 1858. Registered September 11, 1880.

P. A. Skiff, born in Schuyler, Herkimer county, residence Frankfort; Albany Medical College, January 21, 1851. Registered September 13, 1880.

George P. Rasbach, born in Herkimer, residence Mohawk; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, February 26, 1876. Registered September 14, 1880.

Moritz R. Richter, born in Germany, residence Middleville; University of Leipsic, Saxony, October, 1860. Registered September 14, 1880.

E. M. Draper, born in Broome county, residence Ilion; Albany Medical College, January 20, 1874. Registered September 14, 1880.

William H. Brown, born in Litchfield, Herkimer county, residence Cedarville; Albany Medical College, December 26, 1866. Registered September 16, 1880.

Willam Tibbetts, born at Ballston, Saratoga county, residence Newville; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, March, 1867. Registered September 16, 1880.

Charles Isham, born at Mohawk, residence Little Falls; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, March 1, 1866. Registered September 16, 1880.

Malek A. Southworth, born in New York State, residence Little Falls; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, February 5, 1846. Registered September 17, 1880.

Peter F. Bellinger, born in Herkimer, residence Herkimer; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, March 1, 1879. Registered September 17, 1880.

Peter Yost, born in Johnstown, residence Little Falls; Medical College of Castleton, Vt., 1847. Registered September 18, 1880.

Leslie R. Quackenbush, born in Herkimer, residence Brockett's Bridge; University Medical College, New York, March 13, 1880. Registered September 17, 1880.

Theodore J. Ashley, born in Whitestown, Oneida county, residence Ohio; State Eclectic Medical Society, Pennsylvania, 1863. Registered August 10, 1880.

Z. R. May, born in Bridgeport, Conn., residence Schuyler; Eclectic Medical College, Philadelphia, 1861. Registered September 21, 1880.

A. D. Coffin, born in Deerfield, Oneida county, residence Frankfort; University of the City of New York, March 1, 1880. Registered September 21, 1880.

J. B. Ellis, born in Whitestown, Oneida county, residence Little Falls; Bellevue Medical College, March 1, 1871. Registered September 21, 1880.

Daniel Lord, born in New York city, residence Warren, Herkimer county; the medical department of the Northwestern University, Chicago, March 13, 1873. Registered September 23, 1880.

James E. Casey, born in Schenectady county, residence Mohawk; Albany Medical College, 1852. Registered September 24, 1880.

James M. Rose, born in Herkimer county, residence West Winfield; College of Physicians and Surgeons, Fairfield, January, 1837. Registered September 24, 1880.

James F. Huntley, jr., born in Williamstown, Oswego county, residence West Winfield; Medical Department University of City of New York, February 20, 1877. Registered September 24, 1880.

Henry H. Green, born in Paine's Hollow, Herkimer county, residence Paine's Hollow; Geneva Medical College, 1859. Registered September 22, 1880.

David M. Diefendorf, born in German Flats, residence Herkimer; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, March, 1861. Registered September 27, 1880.

J. B. Holcomb, born in Vermont, residence Newport; Albany Medical College, December 24, 1855. Registered September 28, 1880.

Sydney S. Carter, born in Madison, Conn., residence Newport; Eclectic Medical Society, October 18, 1876, and National Eclectical Society of Detroit, Mich., June 19, 1878. Registered September 28, 1880.

Henry Lewis, jr., born in Little Falls, residence Little Falls; Albany Medical College, January 29, 1879. Registered September 29, 1880.

J. Dayton Munn, born in Litchfield, Herkimer county, residence Stark; Albany Medical College, June 17, 1844. Registered September 27, 1880.

H. J. Spencer, born in West Winfield, residence West Winfield; Homeopathic Medical College, New York, February, 1870. Registered September 29, 1880.

Allison O. Douglass, born in Ava, N. Y., residence Little Falls; Long Island College Hospital June 26, 1876. Registered September 30, 1880.

William H. Craig, born at Ottawa, Canada, residence West Schuyler; University of the City of New York, July 14, 1874. Registered September 30, 1880.

Loomis Warner, residence West Winfield; College of Physicians and Surgeons, Fairfield, January 26, 1826. Registered October 29, 1880.

Miles Longshore, born at Depeyster, St. Lawrence county, residence Cold Brook; University of Vermont, June 26, 1879. Registered October 1, 1880.

Lemuel Fitch Pattengill, born in Otsego county, residence West Winfield; Medical Department University of City of New York, February 17, 1880. Registered April 1, 1881.

Frank D. Crim, born at Mohawk, residence Mohawk; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, November 9, 1880. Registered June 9, 1881.

Charles Harvey Glidden, born in Clarendon, New York, residence Little Falls; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, May 13, 1881. Registered August 25, 1881.

William D. Garlock, born in Manheim, residence Little Falls; College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, October 11, 1881. Registered October 28, 1881.

John M. Mangan, born in County Kerry, Ireland, residence Little Falls; Medical Department University of Pennsylvania, March 14, 1857. Registered December 23, 1881.

Edgar C. Swift, born at Paine's Hollow, residence Jordanville; Syracuse University College of Medicine, June 9, 1881. Registered January 25, 1882.

Elmer G. Kern, born in Madison county, N. Y., residence Herkimer; Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, March 10, 1881. Registered February 21, 1882.

David F. Blanchard, born at Cooperstown, N. Y., residence Boston; Royal College of Surgeons, London, Eng., March 22, 1852, and Medical Department of Vermont University, November 10, 1849. Registered February 22, 1882.

Charles P. Beaman, born at Philadelphia, Pa., residence Stamford, Conn.; New York Homeopathic College, March 16, 1882. Registered March 30, 1882.

William H. Dewing, born in Litchfield, residence Utica; Hahnemann Homeopathic Medical College, Philadelphia, March 14, 1882. Registered April 6, 1882.



Willard Gillett, born in Cherry Valley, residence Starkville; Albany Medical College, March 1, 1882. Registered April 17, 1882.

Charles A. Ward, born in Candor, Tioga county, N. Y., residence Troy, N. Y.; United States Medical College, New York, March 8, 1882. Registered June 7, 1882.

Daniel P. Van Court, born in Otsego county, residence Mohawk; Albany Medical College, December 23, 1875. Registered April 14, 1884.

Willard Holt, born at Newport, N. Y., residence Dolgeville; University of Michigan, June 26, 1879. Registered March 30, 1883.

Seymour S. Richards, born in Newport, N. Y., residence East Schuyler; University of the City of New York, March 13, 1883. Registered April 10, 1883.

John H. Stephens, born at Frankfort, N. Y., residence Cedarville; Albany Medical College, March 7, 1883. Registered May 3, 1883.

Edward S. Willard, born in Fairfield, residence Watertown; Albany Medical College, March 3, 1880. Registered June 5, 1883.

Irving O. Nellis, born in Herkimer, residence Herkimer; Medical Department of University of Vermont, June 22, 1882. Registered June 5, 1883.

Clark Getman, born in Columbia, N. Y., residence Dolgeville; Medical University at Buffalo, February 22, 1883. Registered June 19, 1883.

Emory A. Eakin, born at Gallipolis, Ohio, residence Buffalo; Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, March 2, 1869. Registered April 18, 1884.

Charles O. Zimmerman, born in Hermon, N. Y., residence Frankfort; Medical College of Maryland University, March 1, 1882. Registered June 3, 1884.

Walter B. Miller, born in Delaware county, N. Y., residence Salisbury Centre; Albany Medical College, March 2, 1882. Registered June 3, 1884.

Peter Walter Emmons, born in Romulus, Seneca county, N. Y., residence Syracuse, N. Y.; Physio Eclectic Medical College of Ohio, January 22, 1876. Registered August 17, 1884.

Henry J. Vrooman, born at Trenton, Oneida county, residence Norway; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, March 13, 1882. Registered September 3, 1884.

John V. Hennesey, born at New York city, residence Little Falls; Albany Medical College, March 4, 1884. Registered October 4, 1884.

George C. Morey, born at Lebanon, N. Y., residence Grant; University of Vermont, June 6, 1865. Registered October 25, 1884.

James A. Moors, born in Salisbury, residence West Winfield; College of Physicians and Surgeons, City of New York, May 13, 1881. Registered December 15, 1884.

James B. Kershaw, born in Litchfield, residence Van Hornesville; Albany Medical College, December 23, 1875. Registered January 6, 1885.

Franklin B. Smith, born at Hillsdale, Mich., residence Buffalo; Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, February 24, or 26, 1879. Registered January 9, 1885.

E. S. B. Spencer, born in Winfield, residence West Winfield; Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, February 20, 1881. Registered January 21, 1885.

Irving S. Edsall, born in Roxbury, Delaware county, N. Y., residence Middleville; Albany Medical College, March 4, 1885. Registered April 13, 1885.

James A. Barringer, born in Schodack, Rensselaer county, residence Genesee county; Medical Department University of Buffalo, February 25, 1873. Registered June 12, 1885.

Albert D. Chattaway, born in Springfield, Mass., residence Ilion; New York Homeopathic Medical College, April 17, 1885. Registered August 26, 1885.

William B. Woodhull, born at Painesville, Ohio, residence Poland; University of the City of New York, March 9, 1882. Registered October 30, 1885.

E. E. Kelley, born in Salisbury, residence Salisbury; Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, February 25, 1886. Registered March 29, 1886.

George H. Greeley, born at Syracuse, residence Ilion; Homeopathic Medical College, New York, March 3, 1864. Registered January 11, 1887.

Thomas F. Lynott, born at Pittstown, Pa., residence Frankfort; University Medical College, New York, March 8, 1886. Registered January 17, 1887.

John W. Sheffield, born at St. Johnsville, residence Van Hornesville; Albany Medical College, March 3, 1886. Registered January 18, 1887.

Delevan E. Walker, born at Dolgeville, residence Ilion; Medical Department University of Buffalo, February 22, 1882. Registered April 25, 1887.

E. Townsend Jones, born at Newburgh, N. Y., residence Kingston; certificate of license from Censors of Eclectic Medical Society. April 8, 1878. Registered May 24, 1886.

H. A. Ward, born in Hartland, N. Y., residence Ilion; Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati, March 3, 1887. Registered October 14, 1887.

William Dougan, born at St. Catharines, Canada, residence Buffalo; Niagara University of Buffalo, May 3, 1867. Registered December 12, 1887.

Fred E. Easton, born in Cedarville, residence Richfield Springs; Long Island College Hospital, May 22, 1884. Registered July 7, 1885.

William H. Dudley, born in Madison, Conn., residence Newport; University of the City of New York, March 9, 1882. Registered December 4, 1888.

J. M. Showerman, born at Batavia, N. Y., residence Batavia; College of Physicians and Surgeons of Buffalo, February 22, 1882. Registered April 29, 1889.

Charles G. Strobel, born in Ohio, N. Y., residence Dolgeville; Long Island College Hospital, March 9, 1888. Registered May 16, 1889.

Fred M. Barney, born at Brockett's Bridge, residence Dolgeville; Union University of Albany, March 15, 1888. Registered May 20, 1889.

George W. Mangus, born in Herkimer, residence Little Falls; Columbus Medical College, Ohio, February 29, 1888. Registered August 7, 1889.

Benjamin F. French, born in Ohio, residence Little Falls; Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, March 6, 1880. Registered September 26, 1889.

Edgar H. Douglas, born in Massachusetts, residence Little Falls; Dartmouth Medical College, Hanover, N. H., November 26, 1889. Registered December 2, 1889.

Charles W. Nichols, born in Fairfield, residence Fairfield; Albany Medical College, March 21, 1889. Registered February 27, 1890.

De Witt P. Bailey, born at Richfield Springs, residence Van Hornesville; New York University Medical College, March 4, 1889. Registered May 22, 1890.

George A. Armstrong, born in Plainfield, Otsego county, residence West Winfield; University of State of New York, March 5, 1884. Registered June 3, 1890.

Brounslaus Onufrowics, born in Siberia, residence Dolgeville; Swiss Confederation of Berne, Switzerland, November 27, 1884. Registered October 4, 1890.

Oliver T. Lines, born in Connecticut, residence Brooklyn, New York; Hygeo Therapeutic College, March 29, 1859. Registered November 3, 1890.

Le Grand H. Hollon, born at Albion, N. Y., residence Herkimer; University of Michigan, June 30, 1869. Registered December 16, 1890.

Jasper D. Fitch, born at Burlington, N. Y., residence Mohawk; Medical Department University of the City of New York, February 18, 1872. Registered January 16, 1891.

William P. Smith, born at Glens Falls, residence Albany; University of Vermont, June 29, 1885. Registered February 26, 1891.

J. T. Hard, born at East Worcester, N. Y., residence Little Falls; Albany Medical College, March 18, 1877. Registered April 11, 1891.

John D. Hilton, born at Kingston, N. C., residence Stratford, Fulton county; University of City of New York, March 24, 1891. Registered May 7, 1891.

Merton W. Brown, born in Litchfield, N. Y., residence Cedarville; Albany Medical College, April 1, 1891. Registered June 2, 1891.

B. Rush Jackson, born in Berwick, Pa., residence Amsterdam; Electro-Therapeutic Institute, Philadelphia, October 23, 1886. Registered July 28, 1891.

John Logan, born in Ireland, residence Little Falls; Bellevue Hospital Medical College, March 14, 1883. Registered October 29, 1891.

L. B. Palmer, born in Hamilton, N. Y., residence Ilion; University of Vermont, July 13, 1891. Registered November 10, 1891.

William Edwin Hayes, born at Frankfort, residence Frankfort; Medical Department University of City of New York, March 24, 1891. Registered February 1, 1892.

Henry Francis Kilbourn, born at Elizabethtown, Canada, residence Croghan, N. Y.; College of Physicians and Surgeons, Buffalo, February 25, 1881. Registered March 31, 1892.

J. H. Shaper, born at Canajoharie, residence Herkimer; University of Michigan, July 3, 1891. Registered September 27, 1892.

Channing A. Holt, born at Hartford, Conn., residence Albany; Medical University of City of New York, January 16, 1892. Registered September 26, 1892.

## PERSONAL SKETCHES.

Dr. Westel Willoughby was a native of Connecticut, and one of the most eminent of the early physicians of Herkimer county. While still a young man he settled in Norway, where he began his practice at about the time of the first settlement of the Royal Grant. He subsequently removed to the valley of the West Canada Creek, where he made for himself a beautiful home near the village of Newport; this he

continued to own and beautify throughout his life. He was for about twenty years professor of midwifery and of the diseases of women and children in the Fairfield Medical College, and for a portion of that time was president of the institution. Outside of his profession he was public-spirited, benevolent, and active in the affairs of the county. He was twice chosen member of Assembly, 1807-08. He was appointed one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in March, 1805, and so continued until 1821. He belonged to the medical staff of the militia during the war of 1812, and spent some time on the frontier. He was elected to Congress from his district in 1814. Dr. Willoughby died at Newport in 1844, aged seventy-five years.

Dr. Rufus Crain was one of the original members of the County Medical Society and a native of Worcester county, Mass. He settled in the town of Warren in 1790, having already studied for his profession. His zeal and success was such that in a few years he found himself in the enjoyment of an extensive practice. He was one of the early and earnest patrons of the Fairfield Medical College. Dr. Crain was not an active politician, but his personal qualifications were such that his fellow-citizens called him to several positions of trust. He was appointed one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in February, 1817, and continued such until 1820; was reappointed in 1821; 1823, and 1828, and held the office until 1833. He was chosen presidential elector in 1828. He was a sociable and hospitable man, and his character and life were worthy of esteem. He died in Warren September 18, 1846, leaving a son and a daughter and a large estate.

Dr. William Mather was born in Fairfield April 28, 1802, and was a son of the pioneer Moses Mather. Dr. Mather was graduated from Fairfield College in 1826, and became a member of the County Medical Society in 1831. Early in his professional career he became deeply interested in chemistry, and from 1828 to 1868 was a very popular lecturer upon that subject. In 1838 he was appointed instructor of chemistry in Hamilton Literary and Theological Seminary, and in 1841 was chosen professor of chemistry and pharmacy in Castleton Medical College, Vt. From 1852 to 1868 he was professor of chemistry, geology and mineralogy in Madison University. Dr. Mather's residence was in Fairfield, where he was one of the most honored citizens. He died June 26, 1890.



Malcolm Southworth



Dr. Stephen Todd was born in Wallingford, Conn., December 23, 1773. His father removed to Salisbury in 1792, and there the young man aided his father in clearing a home. Having studied his profession, he began practice in Salisbury in 1800, and became a member of the County Medical Society in 1819. He was captain of a company of militia in the war of 1812 and served on the frontier. In 1821 he was nominated for the Assembly and received a majority of the popular vote, but failed to obtain his certificate of election from the county clerk. Dr. Todd attained a fair degree of eminence in his profession and was justly esteemed by the community. He died in Salisbury in the same month and on the same day of the month of his birth, in 1827, aged fifty-four.

Dr. Abijah Tombling was one of the original members of the County Medical Society and a cotemporary of Dr. Willoughby. He settled in the town of Norway near the close of the last century. Later in life he removed to Herkimer village. He was appointed surrogate of the county in 1816 and held the office until 1821. From that time he partially or wholly gave up his profession. He died in Herkimer, leaving a family.

Dr. William Petry was the earliest physician of prominence in Herkimer county. He was born near Oppenheim, in Germany, December 7, 1733, and came to this country in 1763; he married Salome Wolf, daughter of John Wolf, of Cosby's Manor, in 1766. He had served as surgeon in the Prussian army before coming to America. Previous to the Revolution he was interested in a store at the site of Herkimer village. He was a member of the Tryon County Committee of Safety in 1775, and acted as justice of the peace during the Revolution. From 1776 to 1779 he was employed as surgeon at Fort Dayton and was General Herkimer's medical adviser; was appointed surgeon of Colonel Willett's regiment in April, 1781. He participated in the battle of Oriskany and was wounded in the leg; was with Colonel Willett in the pursuit after Ross and Butler; also accompanied his regiment in February, 1783, in the expedition to capture the Oswego fortress.

After the Revolution Dr. Petry was actively engaged in his profession throughout the Mohawk valley for many years and to near the close of

his life. He was also interested in mercantile business at Herkimer after the war and continued in it until near his death. Dr. Petry died at Herkimer August 6, 1806, leaving several sons and daughters. One of the latter was the mother of Samuel Earl and Judge Robert Earl.

Dr. H. W. Doolittle, died in the year 1853. We have no data from which to write a sketch of his life, but a resolution adopted by the Medical Society speaks of his high professional attainments as well as his personal qualities, which rendered him a most useful and estimable member of the community. He died December 7, 1853.

Dr. Nathan S. Willard (father of X. A. Willard), an early physician of Herkimer county, was born at Saybrook, Conn., March 29, 1788. He was graduated from Fairfield Medical College July 14, 1810, and at once began the practice of his profession at Eatonville. At that period there were but few physicians in the county, and Dr. Willard's practice extended over a wide territory, embracing in part the towns of Fairfield, Newport, Herkimer and Little Falls. He was skilled in his profession, liberal and progressive in mind and energetic and conscientious in the performance of his duty as a physician and citizen. In 1813 he married Mary Wharry, eldest daughter of Judge Evans Wharry; a sketch of Judge Wharry's life appears in this work under the Bench and Bar. Dr. Willard died September 29, 1827.

Dr. Daniel Belknap came to Herkimer county in 1823, and entered the office of Dr. N. S. Willard, then a prominent physician at Eatonville. He was graduated in 1828 at Fairfield and took up Dr. Willard's practice. In 1832 he settled in Little Falls and practiced here until his death. It was written of him that his close observation, keen perception, and clear discrimination rendered his judgment almost infallible. He was fearless in defense of the right and possessed many good qualities as a man and a citizen.

Dr. Lester Green commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Luther Giteau of Trenton, Oneida county, in 1803. In 1821 he was graduated from Fairfield Medical College, and began practice at Little Falls, where he was actively engaged in his profession for thirty years. He was elected a permanent member of the New York State Medical Society in 1843, and for two terms was president of that society. In 1849 he was chosen a delegate to the United States Medical Society.



Dr. Green was for many years a leading physician of the county, and has left a record for being sound in judgment, skillful, devoted to his profession and public spirited as a citizen. He died at Little Falls February 6, 1849.

Dr. S. A. Ingham was born in Rensselaer county April 3, 1817, and in the following year removed with his father to what is now Ingham's Mills. He studied medicine with Dr. Nolton and was graduated from the Medical College in January, 1840. From that time until 1844 he was associated with Dr. Booth, of Russia, after which he located in Ingham's Mills. In 1849 he removed to Little Falls where he was in practice more than thirty years. He served over two years as surgeon of the 152d New York Regiment in the Civil War.

Dr. P. Pryne, was an early physician in Frankfort where he was born in 1820. He studied medicine with Dr. H. W. Doolittle and began practice in Herkimer in 1844. His grandfather, Peter Pryne, served at the battle of Oriskany, where he was wounded, and his father, Francis Pryne, served in the war of 1812.

Griffin Sweet, M. D., was born in March, 1814, in Norway, Herkimer county. He was graduated at Fairfield Medical College and located in Fairfield where he practiced his profession until near his death. He held the office of supervisor, was superintendent of the schools, and a member of Assembly from his district in 1863. He was an able man intellectually and stood high in his profession.

Dr. Hamblin B. Maben was born in Greene county, N. Y., March 27, 1833. After receiving a classical education he studied medicine and was graduated at the Albany Medical College at the age of twenty four. Locating in Ilion in 1860 he soon gained a large practice and long occupied a foremost place in the profession. He was honored with many positions of trust in local offices and was twice the Democratic nominee for the Assembly. He also became largely interested in building and other real estate operations in Ilion.

James Hemstreet was born in the town of Ohio, Herkimer county, in 1826. He studied medicine with his father, Richard I. Hemstreet, practiced in Trenton, Gray and Newport, finally settling in Poland village in 1865.

*Fairfield Medical College.*—The College of Physicians and Surgeons of the western district of New York, located at Fairfield, Herkimer

county, had its origin in the medical school established by the trustees of Fairfield Academy, in 1809. This school had acquired some reputation while attached to the academy. It was such even in the second year of its existence as to induce the Legislature of the State to endow it with \$5,000, and when it received the rank of college, they generously added to its funds the further sum of \$10,000.

The charter of the college bears date June 12, 1812, to which is appended the seal of the University of the State, and signed by Daniel D. Tompkins, Chancellor of the University of the State of New York; H. Bloodgood, secretary.

In the charter the following persons are named as constituting the first board of trustees, viz.:

Westel Willoughby, Jun., Jonathan Sherwood, Luther Giteau, Solomon Wolcott, Isaac Sears, Abijah Tombling, Amos Hale, Simeon Ford, Clark Smith, Joseph White, Alexander G. Fonda, Oliver C. Comstock, John Miller, Isaac Sargeant, Reuben Hart, Amasa Trowbridge, Francis A. Bloodgood, William D. Ford, James Kennedy, Oliver Ellis, Andrew A. Bartow, William Smith, John Stearns and James Hale; they and their successors were to have perpetual succession.

At a meeting of the board of trustees, held December 1, 1812, the following individuals were appointed officers of the college, viz.:

Lyman Spalding, professor of anatomy and surgery; Westel Willoughby, jr., professor of obstetrics; James Hadley, professor of chemistry; John Stearns, professor of the theory and practice of physic.

The class of 1812-13, as appears by the records, consisted of eighteen medical students. During the session of 1813-14 it numbered twenty-four.

At a meeting of the board, March 23, 1815, T. Romeyn Beck was recommended to the honorable regents to fill the office of professor of the institutes of medicine.

January 30, 1816, the degree of doctor of medicine was conferred on two individuals, viz.: Horatio Orvis and Sylvester Miller. Dr. Beck gave his first course on medical jurisprudence. Number of students, 28; 4 graduates.

At a meeting of the board, May 20, 1817, Dr. Joseph White, of Cherry Valley, was appointed president and professor of anatomy and surgery in the college in place of Dr. Spalding. At the same meeting

it was resolved that President White have leave to substitute his son, Delos White, M. D., to deliver lectures on anatomy in his stead.

January 20, 1818, the class consisted of 41 students, of whom 7 were considered worthy of the degree of doctor of medicine.

January 19, 1819, a resolution was passed by the board of trustees dismissing any student who should be concerned, directly or indirectly, in digging up any dead human body for the purpose of dissection in the college.

January 20, 1820, the Legislature was petitioned for a law for giving the dead bodies of unclaimed convicts of the State prison at Auburn to the college, for the purposes of dissection.

January 23, 1821, Dr. Delos White resigned his professorship of anatomy, in consequence of the difficulty of procuring subjects for dissection. The same year it was resolved to extend the course of lectures from twelve to sixteen weeks.

January 22, 1822, James McNaughton, M. D., was made professor of anatomy and physiology. Sixty-two students; 14 graduates.

For several years subsequent to this period the affairs of the college continued to prosper and the number of students to increase. At the close of the session ending in January, 1827, Joseph White, M. D., in consequence of age and infirmities, resigned his professorship, and was succeeded in the chair of surgery by John Delamater, M. D. Number of students in attendance this session, 144; graduates, 25. In consequence of the increase of students an additional college edifice was erected containing thirty-two lodging rooms, and the lecture rooms of the old college edifice were enlarged and rendered more commodious.

In 1828 the number of students was 171; graduates, 33.

In 1832 the number of students had increased to 205; graduates, 39.

The largest class ever assembled at the college was during the session ending in January, 1834, when the number reached 217, of whom 55 received the degree of doctor of medicine. The following year the number was 198.

The organization of the medical department of Geneva College, and subsequently the incorporation of a medical college in the city of Albany, together with other causes, had the effect to diminish the number of students in attendance at the Fairfield college from the year 1834

until the final suspension of lectures in the latter institution by the faculty; yet the numbers continued to be respectable, and probably would have been until the present time had the proper efforts been continued to sustain it. During the year 1836 the regents confirmed the following alterations, by which the professorships stood as follows:

Westel Willoughby, M. D., emeritus professor of midwifery.

James Hadley, M. D., professor of chemistry and pharmacy.

T. Romeyn Beck, M. D., professor of materia medica and medical jurisprudence.

James McNaughton, M. D., professor of anatomy and physiology.

John Delamater, M. D., professor of practice of physic and diseases of women and children.

Reuben D. Mussey, M. D., professor of surgery and midwifery.

Subsequently, Frank H. Hamilton, M. D., succeeded Professor Mussey in the chair of surgery, and with this exception the faculty remained as above during the operation of the institution. The last course of lectures was given during the winter of 1839-40. The number of students in attendance was 105, of whom 26 received the degree of doctor of medicine. After the cessation of medical lectures the college buildings were changed to adapt them for the extension of Fairfield Academy. (See history of that institution.) Lyman Spaulding, M. D., was the first president of the college, and was succeeded in office by Joseph White, M. D., in 1817, who resigned in 1827. The venerable Professor Willoughby succeeded Dr. White and held the office until his decease.

## CHAPTER X.

THE TOWN OF GERMAN FLATS.<sup>1</sup>

THE town of German Flats lies in the southern central part of Herkimer county, and is bounded on the north by the Mohawk River; on the east by Little Falls; southerly by the towns of Warren and Columbia, and westerly by Frankfort. A broad and fertile intervale lies along the river, from which the surface rises gradually to a height of 300 to 400 feet and stretches away in a hilly upland. Fulmer's Creek divides the upland into two nearly equal parts. Steele's Creek flows through the western part.

This town was originally formed as the "fifth, or German Flats district" of Tryon county, March 24, 1772, and was recognized as a town on the 7th of March, 1788. In 1796 the towns of Frankfort, Litchfield and Warren were taken off, and in 1829 a part of Little Falls. When the town was erected (1788) it comprised all that portion of Montgomery county south of the Mohawk River, bounded easterly by Canajoharie (the western bounds of that town being the Susquehanna River, Otsego Lake, and a line from the head waters of the lake to the Little Falls); south by the north line of the town of Otsego, running from the head waters of Otsego Lake, in the patent granted to George Croghan and others, along the northerly bounds of that patent to the northwest corner of it and extending westerly to the river, and along the northerly line of the Edminston patent; westerly by the west line of the town of Herkimer continued south to the town of Otsego, or in other words nearly by the present eastern bounds of Oneida county. Besides the towns before mentioned these boundaries included a part of Otsego county. The present area of the town is nearly 20,000 acres, and comprises a large portion of the Burnetsfield patent; nearly all of

<sup>1</sup> In arrangement of the following town histories it was deemed advisable to take the older and more historically important towns first, rather than to follow the chronological order of their formation. The reader should also bear in mind that the personal history of each town is largely augmented by the sketches in the last department of the volume.

Staley's first tract; the whole of Frank's patent, and a part of the Guy Johnson tract.

To this town and in the vicinity of the "old stone church" came some of the early Palatine settlers. Near the site of the church the first settlers built a school-house of logs before the year 1730, which was probably used by the God fearing Germans for worship until their first church was erected, the predecessor of the stone church. The ground on which the school house was built had been assigned to Nicholas Wollaber, grandfather of the Nicholas who died at a venerable age in 1861. On the little creek just east of the stone church the Germans also built a grist-mill before the year 1730 (probably in 1725), and "it was without doubt the first mill erected within the present limits of the county. Both the school-house and the mill are referred to in the deed of Nicholas Wollaber given for the site of the present stone church, which is dated September 24, 1730.<sup>1</sup> In the first church erected on this site were pews, or seats, to which the people held title, as seen by the will of Nicholas Feller, who gave to his grandson, John Nicholas Christman, son of John Christman, his pew in the church which he called his "seat or place in our church."

Here those early German settlers, descendants of some of whom are still residents in this county, and in a few instances on the same lands on which their remote ancestors dwelt, enjoyed a period of repose and prosperity of thirty years, to be rudely disturbed by the incursion of the French and Indians in 1757, who destroyed crops, cattle and carried away many of the people as prisoners. Among these was John Jost Petri, probably the foremost man in the settlement at that time. Saw-mills and grist-mills were burned, the sites of some of which are known. A grist-mill on Steele's Creek, where is now the village of Ilion, was destroyed, as shown in the following descriptive language in a French record of a journey through the valley, from which we have quoted in an earlier chapter:

Continuing along the high road which is on the right bank of the river Mohawk, to go to Fort Konari, [Herkimer's creek is not Steele's] that must be forded. Here was a grist-mill that has been burnt. One league before reaching Fort Konari another small stream is encountered [Fulmer's Creek] over which there is a bridge. This stream

<sup>1</sup> See also *Land's papers*.



*James Smith*





is fordable almost at all seasons. There was also a saw-mill on this creek which had been burnt.

Another grist-mill burned was on lands of the late Frederick P. Bellinger, on the north side of the river. (See history of Herkimer.)

Among the German families who settled in German Flats, and mainly in the eastern part, were those of Woolaber, Stelly, Wolever, Erghemar, Bellinger, Fox, Edich, Staring, Shoemaker, and others; many of these names have since been changed in orthography to conform to English pronunciation.

The stone church at Fort Herkimer was erected in 1751-53, the precise time not being known, and formed a part of the stockaded defense built under the administration of Sir William Johnson in 1756. After using the log church at first erected for about a quarter of a century, the thrifty Germans began to feel the need of more commodious quarters, and in pursuance of their object issued the following petition:

To his Excellency, the Honourable George Clinton, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the province of New York and Territories thereon depending in America, Vice-Admiral of the same, and Admiral of the White Squadron of his Majesty's Fleet:

The humble petition of Johan Joost Herchheimer, of Burnet's Field, in the County of Albany, yeoman, in behalf of himself and the rest of the inhabitants, High Germans living here, humbly sheweth:

That your petitioner and sundry other High Germans to the number of one hundred families and upwards, at present resident at Burnet's Field, in this province, propose, with your Excellency's permission, to erect a Stone Church on the South side of the River, upon a convenient spot of ground already purchased by the Inhabitants, for the Worship of Almighty God, according to the discipline of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church. But finding themselves unable alone to finish and complete the same, your petitioner therefore, in behalf of the said Inhabitants, humbly prays your Excellency will be favorably pleased to grant a Brief or Lycense to crave the voluntary assistance and contribution of all well disposed persons within this province, for completing the said structure altogether intended for Divine Worship.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, shall ever pray, etc.

JOHAN JOOST HERCHEIMER.

Fort George,  
in  
New York,  
October 6, 1751.  
Be it so.

G. CLINTON.

George Clinton wasted no words in giving his permission, and the paper was circulated for subscriptions. The building of the church was begun about the date of the petition, but it was not finished when the French and Indian invasion of 1757 occurred. After that disastrous event, which brought poverty upon the people, they applied for, and received from, Sir Henry Moore, then governor of the colony, a license to solicit subscriptions to complete the church. The subscription paper read as follows :

TO ALL Christian People to whom this shall come. Whereas, the Inhabitants on the South side of the River of Burnet's Field, on the German Flatts, whereas, we are about to erect a Church wherein the High Dutch Language in the Prodestant way should be preached. Before the late war, and when the war begun, we was obliged to leave of building, and in the war everything was discharged, and as we where desirous to have a place of worship, we have begun to build a Church, but we find ourselves not abel to finish the same, occasioned by the troubles we had in the war, that is to say, all our Houses and Barns, with all we had in them, where burnt, and our Horses and Cattles where killed and takeing away, and a great many of our People takeing Prisoners by the Enemy, which has unabled us to finish the Church. For them Reasons we have desired two of our members, that is to say, Johan Jost Herkemer and Hendrick Bell, to try to collect some money of all good people to enable us to have our Church finished, and we hope all good people will take our cause in consideration, as we have no place of Worship now but a small Log House.

We are, in behalf of the Congregation and ourselves, Gentlemen,

Your Most Humble Servants,

AUGUSTENIS HESS,

RODOLF SCHOMAKER,

PETER VOLS.

N. B.—I, being old and unable, I therefore send Peter Vols to do the business of collecting for me.

JOHANN JOST HERCHEIMER, Just.

This appeal secured the needed funds and the church was finished in 1767. Its further history will appear a little later in these pages.

The church as it was finished at that time was one story high and forty-eight by fifty-eight feet on the ground, the walls being supported by heavy abutments at the corners. The door was on the north side, and on the keystone of the arch over the door were the initials, J. H. E. s. q. 1767.

Fort Herkimer, which constituted an important part of the frontier defense, embraced a large stone house, probably erected as early as 1740, and three other stone buildings, one of which was the church

still standing ; another situated about half a mile east of the church on what has been known as the Steele farm, and the third about three-quarters of a mile farther east, on the Snell farm. The church was surrounded by an earthwork by Sir William Johnson in 1756. The first-named stone building was described by the late Mrs. Margaret Cristman, of Mohawk, in the following language :

The building was of stone, forty feet wide and seventy feet long, two stories high with a basement. The roof was very steep and covered with oak shingles three feet long. The walls of the building were over two feet thick, pierced with six windows, six port holes and a door on the front or north side, besides the front windows in the basement, wide enough to drive a team through. The basement was under the east end of the building, and under the west half of the house was the cellar, each about thirty-five feet square. The only opening in the west end was a square window in the upper story. The main entrances to the building were two doors, one on the south and the other on the north side. The hallway, running through the middle of the building from north to south, was about twelve feet wide. Near the north entrance, which was then the front, were two doors, one opening into the east and the other into the west room, the house being divided into two rooms on the main floor, and the east room subdivided into a large kitchen, a small bedroom and a pantry. A little further on in the hall was the grand staircase, broad and easy of ascent, made of white oak, leading to the second story, which was divided into three rooms, a bedroom over the hall at the head of the stairs, and a large room in each end of the house. The broad old fireplaces, both in the lower and the upper rooms, with "pot hook and trammel," and the traditional back log and forestick blazing upon the old andirons on a cold day, gave the grand old rooms an air of comfort and cheerfulness.

#### The French record before quoted says of this fortification :

It was built as a store and depot for Chouegen (Oswego). It is surrounded by a ditch about thirty feet distant. This ditch was six feet deep and seven feet wide. The crown of the ditch inside is planted with palisades in an oblique form ; they are well jointed the one to the other. Behind these there is a parapet of earth, so as to be able to fire over the palisade. The four angles of this parapet, which is at the back of the ditch, form, as it were, four little bastions that reciprocally flank each other. (See illustration, page 59.)

It will be seen that this was a fortification of considerable pretensions, both as to size and impregnability against the arms of those days. The other two buildings farther east were probably similar in their construction. Into these the inhabitants fled and found refuge when attacked, or before expected attacks, by their foes. Such a course was followed in 1757, and the lives of many of the inhabitants were thereby saved, to witness the burning of some of their dwellings and their

mills, the French commander showing discretion in not attacking the fort.

In the War of the Revolution those loyal German settlers, who did not hesitate to espouse the cause of freedom, suffered grievously for their patriotism, and in September, 1778, Brant, with his Tories and Indians, fell upon the prosperous settlement and destroyed it completely, as we have related in the early pages of this volume. Again in 1782 the fair valley in this vicinity was swept over by the enemy, numbering about six hundred Tories and Indians. They were first discovered by Peter Wolever, who, with Augustinus Hess, lived about fifty rods from the fort. Both families were aroused, and all reached the fort except Mr. Hess, who was killed just as he was entering the gate. The fort was at that time only feebly garrisoned, and the few troops could not assume the offensive. Valentine Staring was captured in a field not far from the stockade and put to the torture with the object of drawing out the garrison by his cries for help; but this did not produce the desired result and he was tomahawked and scalped. Two of the soldiers and these two inhabitants were killed. All the buildings in the settlement, excepting George Herkimer's house, were burned and the cattle driven away. This incident was described to the late Judge Benton by Nicholas Wolever, in the lifetime of the latter, then living at Herkimer, and is undoubtedly authentic, although it has received little or no attention from other writers. The wife of Henry Wetherstone, who had incautiously gone into a field on this occasion, was captured by Indians, tomahawked and scalped, and, as they supposed, her body left for dead. She recovered and lived many years after her long tress of hair had been carried away as a trophy.

Fort Herkimer, it has been seen, was a noted station in the early history of the valley, and guarded a section that was more frequently than any other made to feel the ruthless blows of the natives and their no less relentless white allies. In June, 1785, the Tuscaroras and the Onondagas met at the fort and ceded to New York all their territory lying between the Chenango and Unadilla Rivers. Here, also, in 1775, was raised the first liberty pole in the State and the second one in the country, and Alexander White, sheriff of Tryon county, a great stickler for the honor of his sovereign master, heard of the "daring outrage,"



*Fred. N. U. Weller*



as he termed it, summoned a posse, marched to the fort and made a bonfire of the pole and banner.

At the close of the war the Herkimer family again occupied their mansion and the settlers took up their peaceful labors. Previous to that the highway ran along down under the hill a mile west of the fort, then turned gradually and followed up the Shoemaker road to Steele's, and so on easterly. When the original canal was built the south bank came within about eight feet of the old fort, and when the enlargement was made its south line took in nearly one half of the old Herkimer building. The property was then owned by Bethel Palmer, who sold it to the State.

On account of the destruction of the records in 1843, we are able to give only the following list of supervisors of the town from its organization to the present time:

1791, Frederick Fox; 1793, Peter Smith; 1794, William Clapsaddle; 1795, Ludwick Campbell; 1797, George Rosecrantz; 1798, William Clapsaddle; 1801, George Rosecrantz; 1803, '17, '21, Christopher P. Bellinger; 1810, '19, Rudolph I. Shoemaker; 1811, '14, Thomas Paine; 1815, Nicholas Casler; 1824, Jacob F. Christman; 1825, Robert Shoemaker; 1827, Daniel Dygert; 1830, George Fox; 1832, G. I. Stranahan; 1834, John Wightman; 1839, '48, John Shoemaker, jr.; 1837, Elias Root; 1840, Frederick Bellinger; 1842, John Golden; 1844, George H. Fox; 1845, F. E. Spinner; 1846, John Strong; 1850, Calvin A. Griffith; 1853, Joseph N. Wightman; 1855, Benjamin Carver; 1856, William Spoonenburgh; 1857, Ezekiel Spencer; 1860, John Crist; 1861, Liberty L. Lowell; 1864, James M. Dygert; 1865, James E. Casey; 1866, Amos H. Prescott; 1868, Alfred E. Brooks; 1870, J. B. Pelton; 1871, Sanford Getman; 1872, Albert M. Ross; 1874, James Vickerman; 1875, Charles W. Smith; 1876, Hamlin B. Maben; 1877, James M. Clough; 1878, '81, Albert M. Ross; 1882, '84, C. S. Jepson; 1885, Samuel T. Russell; 1886, '87, Addison Brill; 1888, '89, H. D. Jennings; 1890, '92, James Conkling.

Among the prominent families of Germans who settled in this town long before the Revolutionary War was that of John Michael Edich. He had lot No. 33, which remained in the family many years. His grandson, Michael, was born there in 1734, and was a captain in the militia in the Revolution.

To Jacob Folts was assigned lot No. 3, which is within the limits of the town of Frankfort. Lot No. 41 was assigned to Joseph Staring, and remained in the possession of his descendants until recent years. To Frederick Bellinger was assigned lot No. 35, which has also re-

mained in the family more than a century; and others might be mentioned who have kept the homes of their ancestors through all the changes that have occurred since the first settlements in the valley.

As giving not only a quaint description of book-keeping methods and lists of articles purchased in a country store in olden times, but also the names of many of the early settlers, the following will be of great interest; it is taken from an old ledger in which were kept the accounts of James Van Horne, one of the first general merchants in the town. The store was near the locks of the Inland Lock Navigation Company, which were directly north of the present canal locks at Fort Herkimer:

1776, Jacob Weaber; 1789, Isaiah Wright; October 14, "to my horse twice to Steale's mills, 2s; one quart Cyder, 6d; one schipple apples, 4s; one pound hog's fat, 2s; one Nip grog, 6d; to the use of my Blacksmith tools from 20th to 30th December, 1797, when you run away —"

Against Conrad Frank: 1774—May 13, to 2 gallons rum, 2s 6d; July,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint rum, 6d; Oct. 1, qt rum, 1s 4d; Dec. 28, 1 quart old and 1 quart n rum, 3s; 1775—April 18, to 4 bowls toddy, 4s; June 24, 1 pint of wine, 1s 6d; July 13, to 1 qt of W. I. rum, 1s 9d; Sept. 18, 1 gal. of rum, 5s; Dec. 20, to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gall'n rum pr David Schuyler, 8s; May 15, to "Cash paid Dr. Jacob Petrie for 1 Glass of Bolsom Damalta and Bleeding, 5s;" Aug. 20, "to sch of Wheat, 1 Quart W. I. Rum, 4s 6d;" Nov., "to Cash p'd John Smith for 1 pint Rum when you was wounded, 1s 6d."

Against Christopher P. Yates: 1781—"Feb., to flour of 25 Schipples of Wheat which you took at Vanslikes Mill £6 5s; to 4 Bbls which the flour was in, a 3s, 12s;" 1785 1786—"to 3 Wolf's Certificates del'd you when I was Supervisor, £3."

Against Duncan McDougal: 1775—Dec. 14, to 1 otter skin, 24s; 3 martin skins, 9s; 1782—February, to 2 bowls grog, 3s; 1786—March 1, 2, 4, to 12 bowls toddy, 12s; 2 slings, 1s; 2 qts cider, 1s; 3 meals victuals, 3s; to 1 bowl grog in June, 1776,—; 1791—June 10, to 1 dinner, 1s, and horse-keeping, 2s 3d.

Against John N. Castlear: 1776 to 1786—Account for rum and grog, £1 13s 8d.

Against Henery Harkimer, sen.: 1778—May, "to Liquor in Club at Election for Governor, 9s 4d; 1779—Nov., to 6 quarts Cyder for Nicholas, 3s."

Against Col. Henery K. Van Rensselaer: 1779—From the 26th Aug. to 26th Sept., "to 33 Mugs Cyder," 13s 4d; Oct. 8, to 24 skipples winter apples, a 1s 6d, £1 16s; to 14 days 1 horse in pasture, 3s; Nov. 19, to yarn for mittens, 2s; "to 21 mugs Cyder different times 8s 9d;" Dec. 20, "to 2 Bbls Cyder 24s; 26th,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  Mugs Cyder, 3s 14d."

Against Conrad C. Folts: 1785—Accounts amounting to £2 6s 3d.

Against "George Weaber (my brother in law):" 1784—Here follows a long account in which appear 4 ells corduroy, 24s; 1 ell blue shalloon, 3s 6d; 2 nips grog, 1s; 3 Knives & 3 forks at Robinsons, 3s; 1 gill brandy, etc.



Against Thomas Folders: 1775—Account for £1 16s 3d, nearly all "Nips of Grog."

Against Jost Schuyler: 1788—July 17, to judgment before Squire Myers, 17s; 1789—Feb. 1, to 2 nips grog, 1s; 1 quart spirits, 2s 6d; 1 quart cider, 6d. 1791—Feb. 1, to 1 gill rum, 6d.

Then follow similar accounts of Philip Garloch, John Smith, John Myers, Gershom Skinner, Simeon Barker, Henry Miller, Conrad P. Folts, Susanah Small, John S. Frank, George Groundhart, Jacob Christman, John Fox, and the following:

Against Frederick Jno. Shoemaker: 1786—Dec. 18, "To 2 Gall N Rum, 12s"; 1788—March 22, to 1 pint W. I. rum, 7½d; July 20, 1 hat, 9s 9d; Aug. 12, 1 lb. Tobacco, 1s; Sept. 2, cash 8s; Oct. 14, 1 "Check Hhkf, 5s."

Against Jost Dygert: 1789—May 20, "I recd Cash for Judgment agt him in full of my act to this date"; 1790—To 1 warrant, 1s; August 11, 3 nips grog, 1s 6d; 1796—"To 1 peace warrant against Coll Richert Petry, 1s 6d; to breaking 1 glass Tumbler, 2s," etc.—amounting to 17s 6d.

Against Jacob Woolhaver: 1788—Nov. 19, to tobacco, 1s 6d; Dec. 10, 3 ells blue cloth, 19s 9d; Dec. 12, to leather for 1 pair of shoes, 7s; 1 pair half soles, 1s; to sundries to the 1st Dec., 1788, 12s 5d.

Then follow the accounts of Russell Furman, Peter S. Dygert, Henry P. Dygert, Phineas Allen, Nicholas Christman, Jost Folts, Thomas Bell, Abraham Woolhaver, James Forbush, Timothy Tuttle. The following items are charged to Rev. Abraham Rosecrants:

1788—April 13, ½ lb. snuff, 3s; July 8, 3 ells Durant, 9s; 3 sticks twist, 2s 3d; July 8, 1½ yd black lace, 5s 8½d; "2 skanes silk, 2s; 1 lb. shott, 1s"; ½ lb. powder, 2s 6d; ½ paper pins, 9d.

Against James Catlin (Whitestown): 1790—Nov. 27, "to 4 Nips of Grog & Cyder, 2s 6d; 2 Bowls Grog dancing with Smith, 2s."

Against William Petry: 1788—Apl. 26, to 1 bowl sling, 1s; "1 Qt Bowl you Broke, 2s; Aug. 13, to 2 Gallons Tar, 6s; 1 Nip Grog & 2 Gills rum, 9d; Jany 8, to my horse to ride through the river, 1s; March 11, to cost you have to pay at your suit against Thomas Casaty in Apl 16, 3s 4½d; to cost at your suit against Adam Bearse, which may be seen in my Records, page 45, 12s 3d; to cost at the suit of Paltus Braetenbreacher against your father-in-law, in the first book, page 34, 2s; Oct 22, To use and keeping of my pump augur, 3s."

Then follow the accounts of John Andrews, Jost Hess, John Weaber, Fawcet Cox and Frederick Bellinger, the latter as follows:

1788—June 1, To 1½ pints n rum, 1s 2d; 28, 1 nip grog, 6d; Dec. 2, to 1 qt n rum, 1s 6d; 7th, 2 pair Indian shoes, 6s 8d; 1 nip grog, 6d. Mr. Bellinger's account is quite lengthy, and there are many more charges for "Nips of Grog," than any other

one thing. He is credited on account: "By riding 1 Hhd Rum from Schenectady, 12s; by 8 days huing timber for my horse shed & 4½ days framing the same, £1 12s; five days carpenter work, and four days work making fraim for my kitchen, 5s per day."

Next come the accounts of Catharine (George) Hilts, amounting to £3 6s 2½d, "paid in Ginsang at different times"; Maria (Catharine) Ox, Wesner Spoon, Elizabeth Small, Mary Small (who paid her account in spinning); John Bellinger, Jacob Bashorr (who paid his bill in leather for a "slay tackling"); and Timothy Frank (who paid his bill in 1790 by one ox at £5 and one ox at £4 10s). Frederick "Ohrendorph" is charged, among other things, with "Egg Punch, 1s; 1 bearl for the use of beckel cap-page" [pickle cabbage?].

John Fox is charged with nips of grog, nips of Sangaree, nips of punch, a "pinker knife" he broke, "marrying his nigger," 4 suppers, etc. Mr. Fox's bill was paid as follows: "By playing the fittle, 12s; by one nip grog had in 1793, 6d; by Jack, your nigger, playing for a company," etc. Christopher P. Fox is charged with snuff, tea, grog, rum, breaking a bowl and one fife, and a part of his account was paid in work on the court-house in 1796. Conrad Segner Edward Walker, John Brusler, Christopher Ox, Adam Hartman, George Weaver, are next on the ledger.

"Jost Harkimar" is charged with nips of sling, nips of grog, "Boals" of grog, wheat to be returned for "soing," "2 shots at 6d each," rum, cash, costs of suit, and other things, making a long account, which was paid in 1791 in sowing "Pease," oats, wheat, barley, serving warrants, moving wheat and "moing" wheat, and cash.

Then comes the account against Rudolph Schomaker, who is charged with judgment before Squire Colbreath, 9s 11d and cost, 1s 9d; 2 nips grog, 2 nips brandy grog, "cash at Stone Arabia in Fox's House (present Flagg & Ittick), 1s"; "cost between you and your brother 2 years ago, 5s 6d"; 1 dinner, 1s; 1 gill bitters, 6d; "cost between you and George Clabsattle, 1s." The balance of the long account is "Nips of Grog," which was all paid in cash.

John Petrie is charged in 1790 with "taking affiadid in respect of Demsitts estate, 1s." Andrew Dygert is charged with "Rum, pigtale tobacco, quart Cyder and lodging." Next are the names of Joseph Cook, Conrad Kook, Henry A. Cramer, Nicholas N. Staring, George F. Helmer, Joseph Hines, Christian Drisselman, John Isdall, Peter Flagg, Adin Fancher, Nicholas Wollhaver, Samuel Robertson (who paid his bill in doctoring), Gershom Beach, William Delaney, Samuel Pinker, Jacob Kunkabool.

Robert Bee, says the merchant, "agreed with me for one year's work for £25, and Sept. 12 left me in the morning before I was out of bed." Next follows an account against Herkimer county for work on the court-house, then the account of James Yule, who paid a part of his bill in surveying "Lott No. 14, in the third tract." Christopher Rube paid his bill of £10 15s 5d in bottoming chairs and weaving. Mrs. Holteger paid her bill in spinning flax.

There is a wonderful amount of information in the old ledger, and as this was the first store in German Flats, the record bears an added interest. William Small and James Isdale were merchants at Fort Herkimer at a later date. The first tavern kept there, as far as known, was

by N. Aldridge, on the south side of the highway ; he also kept a store, and "shin-plasters" are in existence issued by him. Fort Herkimer was the central point for business for the surrounding country for many years, its situation on the canal of the Navigation Company giving it that prestige. The first blacksmith in the town, Jacob Phillips, located here, and James Campbell came a little later. Benjamin Fox was an early tailor, working at that trade in 1791, and later had a blacksmith shop near the church. The first harnessmaker mentioned is Jacob Bashorr, and the first shoemaker was Peter Wollever, while Dr. Samuel Robertson appeared in 1790 as the first physician. Frederick Belling and Stephen Wright were carpenters. In 1792 Aaron Wood had a small tannery here, and the school was kept by Samuel Edwards and Philip Peter Cowder, before 1800. The little village continued to prosper until the diversion of travel to the Mohawk turnpike along the north side of the river. This was the end of its prosperity, and the place gradually declined in its business enterprise, until it has reached its present condition.

Resuming our account of the old Fort Herkimer church it must be stated that the corporate seal of the church adopted in 1796 gave it the name of "The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of German Flats." Long previous to that, in the year 1753, Hans Dedrich Stelly and others deeded to Peter Remsen,



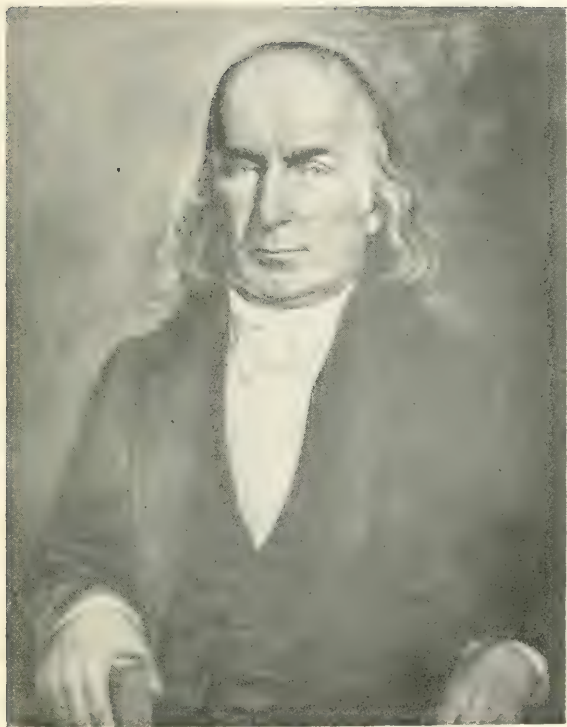
for the support of their minister, lots 45, 46, and 47, on the flats. No records of membership in the church were kept during the early years of its history, but in the Synod of 1812 an order was made that annual reports should thereafter be returned. The first regular preacher was probably a brother of Rev. Abraham Rosecrants, as his biographer says he succeeded his brother in 1767. Rev. Abraham Rosecrants faithfully labored here from that year until 1794, a period of twenty-seven years. He was an educated and able man, and became connect-

ed with the Herkimer family by marriage. He died at his residence on Fall Hill, in the present town of Little Falls, at the close of the last century.

From 1794 to 1798 Rev. Fitch Romden, of Oneida, preached to the settlers occasionally, and in the latter year Rev. Mr. Pick, of Stone Arabia, was called to supply the pulpit, which he did until 1802, when Rev. John P. Spinner was called. Mr. Spinner ministered to these people for forty-six years. He emigrated from Germany in 1801, and landed in New York in May. He was educated in the gymnasium at



Bishopsheim and the university at Mentz, and in 1789 was consecrated to the Roman Catholic church. His wife, Mary Magdale Fedelis Brumante, a native of Loire, accompanied him to this country. Mr. Spinner was called to the Fort Herkimer church soon after his arrival in the country, and with the exception of a short period of teaching, continued with it until 1848. Nor were his services confined to this parish, for he preached to congregations in Columbia, Warren, at the Indian Castle, Manheim, Schuyler, and in some of the towns of adjoining



*Rev. John F. Spinner.*



counties, besides the church in Herkimer village. He was thoroughly educated and his sermons were often eloquent and masterly. Mr. Spinner died at his residence in Herkimer, May 27, 1848, aged eighty years. He was the father of Hon. Francis E. Spinner, the famous secretary of the United States treasury under President Lincoln, and the family is still represented in the county.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Spinner was succeeded in the pastorate of the church by Rev. J. Stark, who came about four years after Mr. Spinner gave up the charge. Mr. Stark preached five years, when there followed a period of about four years during which there was no regular preacher, and in 1862 Mr. Stark returned, preached one year, and died in 1863. He was the last settled pastor of the once flourishing congregation. Since that time the pulpit has been supplied at intervals, among those preaching here being Revs. J. Petrie, J. J. Quick, Rev. Mr. Consaul, Rev. Mr. Todd, William Johns, of Little Falls, and others.

The financial needs of the church were largely provided for by the rental of lands deeded in trust for that purpose, and as long as the original lessees lived there was no lack of means for the support of the gospel, no matter in what direction the necessary expense might be incurred. In the time of Rev. Mr. Rosecrants, the rental of lands brought in a revenue of \$400 annually, besides the large amounts usually raised by subscription. At the installation of the elders and deacons, on the 29th of January, 1796, by Rev. Charles A. Pick, he received for his services £4 16s and 6s for spreading upon the book of minutes the ordination and installation, and at his next visit to this place he received £2. Rev. Mr. Spinner received a salary of \$700 per annum, besides funds raised by subscription, which for a time was paid him, but as the collection of rentals after the death of Mr. Remsen was in a measure neglected, and the estate of the deceased was embarrassed by litigation, the revenues began to fall off, causing quite a deficiency in meeting the salary, so that in May, 1836, there was due Rev. Mr. Spinner for services rendered, \$1,324.10, one half of which he proposed to donate to the church, provided he received the other half. The litigation in relation to the lands held in trust lasted for several years, until in 1851 an

<sup>1</sup> For more extended notice of F. E. Spinner, see Biographical Chapter in later pages of this volume.

act of the Legislature was passed authorizing the consistory to sell a portion of the lands. Several sales were made under this act, and the money invested, the interest to be used for the same purpose as the rentals or incomes of leases. In 1870 an act was passed enabling the consistory to record all leases, papers, etc., belonging to the church. Thus the munificent gift of Nicholas Wolever, Hans Dedrich Stelly and others, dwindled down to a mere pittance in the space of one hundred and fifty-five years, and at present this is only a missionary field.

After settlers first located at Fort Herkimer, they gradually extended southward over the hills until the head waters of Fulmer Creek were reached. In 1797 Seth Paine settled at what became known as Paine's Hollow, about three miles south of the river. He came from Windham county, Conn., and was thirteen days reaching Fort Herkimer. With him came his sister, his wife and eleven children, five of whom were sons. In the spring of 1797 the Paines had five acres of timber cut down and they invited their German neighbors to a logging bee and the whole five acres were cleared for them in one day. In the summer of 1798 a saw-mill was built there, and not long afterward Mr. Paine built a grist-mill, thus saving further journeys to Little Falls or Van Hornesville. The settlement at Paine's Hollow grew and comprised at one time three saw-mills, the grist-mill, a fulling-mill, a store, tavern, a post-office and about two hundred inhabitants. The first post-office in the town was here and was called German Flats, with John Paine as postmaster. Otis Smith, who settled here at about the same time with the Paines, was the mail carrier between Little Falls and Little Lakes, now in the town of Warren, and stopped at Paine's Hollow once a week. This post-office was long ago discontinued for a period, but has been renewed in recent years. Nathan Swift is the present postmaster; the post-office is now in Little Falls, just across the line, this hamlet being partly in that town. Very little business is now done at Paine's Hollow.

The vicinity of what has been known as Dennison's Corners, on the southern line of the town, was first settled by Benjamin Whitman (now spelled and pronounced Wightman). He came from Connecticut and was a Baptist minister. A tavern was kept very early at this point by Stutley Palmer, and Asahel Wise came from Vermont and built



an ashery; Henry Kaster also had one. The settlement was at first known as Whitmantown, until Stanton Dennison settled there and purchased a tract of 640 acres. The hamlet grew to considerable importance and a post-office was established with Charles Whitman as postmaster in 1847. The first store was kept by John I. Christman. Among other early settlers at this point were Henry Steele, a blacksmith, Joseph Noble, and the Freeman, Tisdale, Thomas, and Hawks families, all from Connecticut. In 1834 Mr. Dennison built a church, which is still standing and used at intervals by the Methodists. In 1847 Charles Whitman donated the lot and school-house to the district.

About the year 1800 Jason Tiff settled at the mouth of Trout Creek, two and a half miles up Fulmer Creek from Mohawk, and there built a saw-mill, carding and cloth-mill, and a grist-mill. A little hamlet gathered there, but long since lost its identity.

After the War of 1812 this town, like most others in the county, rapidly filled up. The farmers found good markets for their crops, and general prosperity reigned. The opening of the Erie Canal, while in some respects an advantage to the people, was in other ways a disadvantage. It brought into competition with the Mohawk farmers those of the Genesee country, as it was called, where grain could be raised cheaper than here, and inaugurated an era of hard times in the agricultural districts; a competition which, in connection with that developed later by the far west, led to the introduction of dairying. The building of the Utica and Schenectady Railroad and its consequences have already been described. The road was a great financial success, a fact which led to the projection of other lines in various directions. One of these was the Mohawk Valley Railroad Company, which was organized in 1850, with A. C. Flagg as president, and F. E. Spinner, secretary. Books were opened and the following commissioners appointed from Herkimer county to receive subscriptions to the stock: Benjamin Carver, F. E. Spinner, and Eliphalet Remington. E. H. Broadhead was appointed chief engineer and his report was made in 1851. Without following the route proposed in detail it may be said that it was to extend along the south side of the river, one line being proposed on the north bank of the canal and one on the south, the latter passing through the villages of Mohawk, Ilion and Frankfort. The road was never built.

The New York, Utica and Ogdensburgh Railroad, which also contemplated further connections in this county and town, was projected in New York, and one link in its line was from Utica to Cooperstown. A survey was made from Utica to Mohawk and up the valley of Fulmer Creek to the town line of Stark. In aid of this undertaking the town of German Flats was bonded in 1872 for \$160,000. The road was begun, the town authorities by arrangement paying out of its bonds as fast as grading progressed. The result was that about four miles were graded and the town had invested \$32,000 when the work stopped and was never resumed; the remainder of the bonds was canceled.

A much more satisfactory project in its results was the building of the Mohawk and Ilion Street Railroad, the company for which was organized in April, 1870. John F. Hosch was the first president; J. E. Casey, vice-president; Jacob Devendorf, treasurer; S. F. Wilcox, secretary. The road was finished in September, 1870. The capital stock was \$15,000, and the village of Mohawk was bonded for \$10,000 towards the work; these bonds were retired a year later and the town stock sold. The road has always been a paying investment and is admirably managed.

A similar enterprise, which has been of great public benefit, is the Herkimer and Mohawk Street Railroad, the company for which was organized early in 1871, with a capital stock of \$20,000. The road was built connecting Herkimer and Mohawk villages, and was in operation in September, 1871. This road has also paid its projectors financially.

The history of this town in recent years is further told in the succeeding accounts of Mohawk and Ilion villages, the latter being the largest manufacturing center in Herkimer county, excepting Little Falls. The prosperity of Ilion is reflected to some extent throughout the town, and especially to the village of Mohawk. The dairying industry in the town is prosperous and extensive, the market being largely at Little Falls.

#### MOHAWK VILLAGE.

The site of this village was first settled by the Palatines, who drew the lots upon which it is situated, as seen in the table in Chapter II, and the

diagram, page 38. The site of the village is picturesque. It is on the north side of the town near the center, on the south side of the Erie canal, and on Fulmer Creek about half a mile above its confluence with the Mohawk River. Among its inhabitants previous to the Revolutionary War were very few except the Germans and their families; but with the close of the war, and to a limited extent previous to that time, settlers came in rapidly from Connecticut and adjoining Eastern States.

The first tavern within the limits of the village was built by Judge Gates in 1778, and is still standing in the western part of the village. He occupied it a few years and sold it to one of the Petrie family and he to Rudolph Devendorf in 1804, and he to David Diefendorf,<sup>1</sup> who in 1817 opened what was called a "Dutch tavern," which he kept until 1842, when it was converted into a dwelling; it is now owned and occupied by Jacob Diefendorf, son of David, who has lived in it since 1817. So well was it built that it is to day in excellent condition. It is thought to be the oldest building in the village. In 1817 there was not more than two dwelling-houses on the north side of Main street between this house and the site of the canal bridge east of the village, and the whole tract was covered with a grove of hickory trees. There were two or three barns, one of which stood on the site of the Mohawk Valley Hotel. The next tavern in the place was kept by Josiah Earl. In 1800 Peter Helmer built a tavern on a site just south of the old Mohawk House, which was kept for many years by Jedediah Fox. In 1826 John Bennett purchased the old tavern which stands near the present Mohawk House, and built a storehouse on the then recently opened canal. The opening of this great water-way was of supreme importance to this village and contributed largely to its early growth; a growth that was later much retarded by the building of the Utica and Schenectady Railroad on the opposite side of the river. The place was early known as "Bennett's Corners," but after about a dozen years, was given its present more appropriate title. In 1825 Chester Tisdale built the American Hotel, on the site of the present Mohawk Valley Hotel. The old brick hotel east of the village was built in 1830 by Christopher Bellinger for Daniel Dygert and L. Doolittle; but it long ago fell into disuse as a public house.

<sup>1</sup> Although these two Diefendorfs were brothers, they spelled their names as given.

The present Mohawk House, corner of Main and Columbia streets, was built by Briggs Thomas in 1835.

The first building for a private residence was erected by Peleg Freeman in 1778; the site is now occupied by the residence of Mrs. B. A. Johnson, south side of Main street, west of Fulmer Creek. Robert Shoemaker's mother built the house where David Spencer now lives, in the west part of the village. The Wheeler house, just east of the creek on Main street, was built by Peter Warner in 1790; it is now owned by Mrs. Presley. In 1800 Frederick Starling built a house on the site now occupied by the residence of Thomas Cunningham. It was burned not long afterward, and another erected, which finally gave place to the present brick house. The old gambrel-roofed house that stood on the site of the present residence of H. D. Alexander, was built by Rufus Randall about 1790.

*Manufactures and Mercantile.*—The very early mills on Fulmer Creek have already been described. In about the year 1808 Reuben Randall built a grist-mill on this creek at the south end of Columbia street, which was used until recent years; and about the same time Asa Dennison built a tannery on the creek in the west part of the village on the south side of Main street, which has been remodeled into dwellings. In 1813 Rudolph Devendorf built a grist and saw-mill on the south side of the road on the creek in the west part of the village; and about the same time Solomon Ford erected a saw-mill a little farther up the creek, and a Mr. Warner had a small tannery near Devendorf's mills. All of these have disappeared. There was also a saw-mill near the site of the lower locks.

The first blacksmith in the village was named Crane and he was succeeded by Adam Starling. The shop, which was built probably as early as 1808, stood about where Dr. Van Court's store now is. In 1830 Norton & Myers had a blacksmith shop near the site where Thos. Cunningham's store is now. From 1800 to 1820 a plow factory was on the corner of Main and Columbia streets where the Quackenbush block now stands. This was for many years the only manufactory of agricultural implements in this part of the county.

The Mohawk Foundry was established in 1843 by the late Chauncey Johnson. The building first erected is still standing on the

south side of the canal at the corner of Warren and Johnson streets. Another building was afterwards erected of brick, the first one being of stone. Stoves, agricultural implements, iron fence, etc., were produced here. After the death of Mr. Johnson his sons conducted the business for a time, but it is now stopped.

The Mohawk Manufacturing Works were established for the manufacture of a new and improved revolver. The company consisted of H. D. Alexander, J. B. Rafter, J. F. Hosch, J. N. Quackenbush, C. Beckwith and J. D. Miller. In August, 1878, the company was dissolved.

The Mohawk Valley Hotel Company was organized December 17, 1874, with a capital of \$50,000. The company purchased the old American Hotel property, including Varley Hall and the house and lot next north of it on Otsego street, and there erected a handsome four-story hotel. The total cost of the new property was about \$75,000. While this house has been of benefit to the place, it has not paid the stockholders financially.

The Mohawk Valley Knitting Mills is one of the later manufacturing establishments of Mohawk that are aiding in building up the place. It was incorporated March 17, 1887, with a cash paid-up capital of \$50,000. About 250 hands are employed and 80,000 dozen knit underwear manufactured annually. The officers of the company are H. D. Alexander, president and treasurer; J. B. Rafter, secretary; B. A. Stone, vice-president; Smith Ostrander, superintendent.

The Knitting Company of Mohawk, limited, was incorporated October 27, 1890, with a cash paid-up capital of \$50,000, and manufactures similar goods to those made by the Mohawk Valley Company. About 175 hands are employed, and Smith Ostrander is superintendent. The officers are: B. A. Stone, president; J. B. Rafter, secretary; H. D. Alexander, treasurer; H. G. Munger, vice-president.

The Broomhall Milling and Malting Company was organized in March, 1891, with the following officers: A. D. Morgan, president; L. G. Young, vice-president; I. W. Steele, treasurer; C. C. Steele, secretary. Charles Young is manager. The capital is \$15,000, paid up.

One of the early merchants of Mohawk was Samuel Meeker, who carried on business where Mr. Lovejoy now has a hotel, on Columbia street. Mr. Meeker was noted for his fine garden. In 1809 Rudolph

Devendorf opened a store on the corner of Main and Warren streets, where for many years business was carried on by various merchants, among them Solomon Clough, Henry S. Diefendorf, Peter I. Miller, D. S. Clark, and James Campbell. The store on the post office corner was built in 1836 by Elias and Humphrey G. Root. The whole block from the Kirley block to the post-office corner and running back nearly to the canal, was purchased in the spring of 1826 by Elias Randall for \$175. The Steele block, corner of Main and Otsego streets, was built by John A. Steele in 1852, and the Spinner block, opposite corner of Main and Otsego streets, was erected in 1844 by F. E. Spinner. The opening of the canal witnessed the erection of several warehouses, for storage and forwarding, among them being the building now occupied by J. W. Devendorf; this was the first one, built in 1826, and others were built by H. G. Root & Co., James Campbell, Isaac Woodworth, and Merry & Devendorf.

The first brick house erected in the village was the one in which Mrs. Stillwell lived, and here she died in 1892. It was built by Josiah Osgood and rebuilt by Elias Root.

The first resident physician was Dr. A. W. Bowen, who came here in 1828. The first postmaster was Samuel Miner, and the first mail carrier was a Mr. Luke, who traveled on horseback between Utica and Schenectady. The mail was delivered once each week, if the weather and roads would permit.

The land on which the village stands was owned by Rufus Randall, who, after disposing of one or two farms, sold the remainder to Frederick Bellinger, who had it surveyed into village lots. The village was incorporated by act of Legislature passed April 16, 1844, and the first election for village officers was held at the house of John Golden May 4, 1844, when the following officers were chosen :

President, Frederick Bellinger; assessors, Gordon Farmer and Ezekiel Spencer; treasurer, Elias Root; clerk, Daniel S. Clark; collector, Marks H. Grants; constable, Marks H. Grants. The proceedings of the first charter election were signed by Frederick Starling, as chairman, and John Crist as town clerk.

At a meeting of the board of trustees held May 9, 1844, the following named persons were granted each a tavern license, paying for it \$5 :

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The first brick house erected in the village was the one in which Mrs. Stillwell lived, and here she died in 1892. It was built by Josiah Osgood and rebuilt by Eli

1828. The first postmaster was Samuel Wood, and the first mail carrier was a Mr. Luke, who traveled on horseback between Utica and Schenectady. The mail was delivered once each week, if the weather and roads would permit.

The land on which the village stand was owned by Rufus who, after disposing of one or two farms, sold the remainder to Frederick Belinger, who had it surveyed into village lots. The village was incorporated by act of Legislature passed August 10, 1844, and the first election when the following office

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board of trustees held May 9, 1844, the follow-





*W. S. Alford*





Newman Smith, Olendorf & Lawyer, Charles Bronson and George L. Van Slyke; and grocery licenses were granted on the same terms to L. L. Merry and Cornelius Devendorf.

The Mohawk Valley Bank was organized February 9, 1839, by the election of the following officers: Directors, David Devendorf, Frederick Bellinger, Alanson Maxon, Elias Root, Ira Randall, Jacob F. Cristman, Ebenezer Morgan, Stephen Jones, William Burgess, E. A. Munson, Charles Wightman, Peter H. Warren, H. S. Orendorf, J. I. Cristman, R. G. Starkweather, Rodney Sanford, L. Stienburgh, Ephraim Tisdale, Jacob Marshall, and Jesse C. Dann. Ebenezer Morgan was chosen president, and in May, 1839, J. C. Dann was chosen cashier, and in June, Elias Root was elected vice-president. The successive presidents of the bank have been as follows: After Mr. Morgan, Charles Wightman, elected February 9, 1841; Benjamin Carver, July 2, 1849; Peter H. Warren, July 2, 1855; John J. Cristman, July, 1857; F. E. Spinner, July 5, 1858; Peter H. Warren, July, 1861; Dean Burgess, July, 1864; Eli Fox, January, 1882; Jacob Devendorf, January, 1891. On the 3d of April, 1865, the bank was reorganized and its name changed to the National Mohawk Valley Bank, and the officers remained as before until September 3, 1867, when H. D. Alexander was elected cashier and has filled the office until the present time. The present officers of the bank are as follows: President, Jacob Devendorf; directors, the president, H. D. Alexander, Allen Bloomfield, B. A. Weatherby, Thomas D. Warren, R. M. Devendorf, B. A. Stone, John Giblin, H. A. Deimel, O. W. Bronson, and De Witt E. Allen. The capital of the bank is \$150,000; surplus and undivided profits, \$40,000; deposits about \$220,000. In 1892 the institution erected a handsome and convenient bank building on Main street at a cost of \$10,000.

The Mohawk Gaslight Company was organized October 3, 1860, with a capital of \$10,000. President, Chauncey Johnson; secretary, Eli Fox; treasurer, R. H. Pomeroy. At a later date the company was consolidated with the works at Ilion, a new company formed called the Ilion and Mohawk Gaslight Company, and the capital stock increased to \$30,000. After the consolidation the works were located about half a mile east of Ilion and both villages supplied with gas. Mohawk is now lighted with electricity by the same company.

*Public School.*—Very little is known of the schools of Mohawk in early years. The destruction of the records of German Flats in 1843 renders it impossible to learn details previous to that year, excepting through the memory of old residents. It is known that early in the present century there was a school-house on the east side of what is now Columbia street, near the site of the residence of H. G. Root, and the contract for the erection of the building is still in existence. The building was put up by Russel Brown, "at or near Timothy Campbell's house in German Flats." The building cost \$260. The contract was signed on the part of the authorities by Russel Brown, Abram Randal, Rufus Randal, jr., James L. Campbell, and Rudolph Devendorf.

This old school-house was abandoned after the erection of the present school building about 1853, and finally passed to the Methodist society. It is still standing and used for a carpenter shop. When the present building was erected a graded school was established and it so continues. W. E. Stearns is the present principal, and under him six teachers are employed. A new school building is to be erected during 1892-3, at a cost of \$17,000.

*Fire Department.*—The fire department of Mohawk was organized September 9, 1844, by the village trustees who appointed Humphrey G. Root as chief engineer; Gordon Farmer, assistant, with twenty-four members. The company was named Mohawk Engine Company No. 1. The engine used was made at Waterford, and it was kept in a house on the corner of Main and North Washington streets. In May, 1861, the trustees purchased a more powerful engine at Seneca Falls, and in June of that year a new company named Colonel Ellsworth Engine Company No. 2, was organized. In 1869 this company was disbanded and from that date until 1878 the engine was in charge of citizens, under direction of the trustees. In March, 1878, a company was formed for the hand engine, composed of forty-eight men, and this organization is still kept up.

A special election was held June 7, 1875, at which it was voted that the village should purchase a steam fire engine. This was done and the name Mohawk Chief given to the new engine. At the same time Alexander Hose Company No. 1 was organized with the following officers: President, A. C. Devendorf; vice-president, A. G. Myers;

secretary, W. H. Schall; treasurer, John McChesney; foreman, E. L. Prince. This organization is still in existence. The fire department as at present organized and equipped, is one of the best in the county.

There is at present only one newspaper in Mohawk, which was started by Rich & Tucker in 1874, as the *Mohawk Independent*. It was subsequently sold to A. A. Miller, who was succeeded as owner by W. E. Churchill, and by C. A. White, who sold the establishment to Miss Clara E. Morgan in January, 1892. The name of the paper was then changed to *The Eagle*. The paper is ably edited by Miss Morgan and is liberally supported.

*The Reformed Church.*—This society was organized December 11, 1838, when Christopher Bellinger, and Samuel Meeker were elected elders, and Samuel Barringer and Henry Harter, deacons. Shortly afterwards the lot on which the church stands was donated to the society by Frederick Bellinger. Through the influence and substantial aid of Elias Root and H. G. Root, the church building was soon erected. The pulpit was first occupied by Rev. James Murphy, of Herkimer, as supply. February 1, 1844, Rev. Jedediah L. Stark was called to the church, and he was installed May 3, 1844; he continued for ten years, since which time the following pastors have served the society:

Rev. Elbert Slingerland, 1854; Rev. John M. Hammond, 1856; Rev. Charles D. Nott, 1859; Rev. E. Slingerland, 1865, one year; Rev. G. D. Consaul, 1867; Rev. F. F. Wilson, 1870; Rev. F. M. Bogardus, 1872; Rev. J. G. Lansing, 1876; Rev. John Brandow, and Rev. A. D. Minor, who was succeeded in May, 1892, by Rev. Ira Van Allen. The church membership is about 115, and the following are the officers: Elders, Byron A. Stone, Thomas Cunningham, Robert Myers; deacons, Jasper Morgan, Truman Snell, Dr. — Rasbach.

*The Baptist Church.*—The first Baptist society of Mohawk was organized February 9, 1841, and the church was erected in 1845 and dedicated January 1, 1846. For a number of years the church was fairly prosperous, but later it has greatly declined. Among the pastors have been Revs. J. Benedict, the first, N. Loring, J. W. Crumb, L. Casler, O. Adams, Lamar W. Hayhurst, G. W. Harvey, and Rev. Mr. Broddie, who remained until 1861. There is now no settled pastor over the church and no regular services.

*The Methodist Church.*—The date of the formation of the first Methodist class in Mohawk is not known, but it was very early, and it was for some years connected with the class at Herkimer. In 1851 Rev. I. Hunt was permitted by the Reformed church society to occupy their church Sabbath afternoons, and he was followed by Rev. Mr. Barnard. Later Rev. Joseph Lamb preached in the Baptist church which was leased for the purpose. The old school-house on Columbia street was finally purchased, its use donated to the society, and it was fitted for services. This was afterwards sold and the society again used the Baptist church. After years of alternate periods of success and despondency, a revival held here in the winter of 1867-8 by the praying band connected with the Ilion church quickened the feeble society, and in the spring of 1869 Rev. Olin Wightman became the pastor, and the Methodist Episcopal church of Mohawk was organized. After using the Baptist and Universalist churches for a time, the present handsome church was erected, chiefly through the liberality of Philo and Elizabeth Remington. The membership is about 100 and Rev. Mr. Fitch is pastor.

*The Universalist Church.*—This society was organized in 1850, and the brick church was erected and dedicated in February, 1852. The means to this end were contributed largely by subscription. The first pastor was Rev. B. B. Hallock, who was succeeded in 1857 by Rev. Dolphus Skinner. Others who have served the church are Revs. L. C. Brown, J. R. Sage, L. L. Briggs, A. A. Thayer, F. S. Brown, and D. Ballou. For the past several years there has been no regular preaching in the church. Rev. T. C. Fisher, of Herkimer, preaches afternoons at the present time.

*Grace Episcopal Church.*—This society was organized in 1854, and the church erected at the same time. Previous to that time services had been held for several years in the public hall. The church was erected with funds subscribed and was paid for in full. The first rector was Rev. William Bogart Walker, who was followed by Rev. E. C. Edmunds. Rev. S. M. Griswold then preached for a time, coming from Ilion, and was succeeded by Rev. Charles E. Freeman and Rev. M. O. Smith. Rev. Alfred Taylor preached in 1890. The church is now without a rector.

The present postmaster of Mohawk is Thomas Cunningham, who took the office in November, 1889, succeeding D. D. Morgan. Another post-office in the town is Edick, in the southwest part, with John Shoemaker as postmaster, he having held the office about four years and since it was established.

The present officers of Mohawk village are: President, Charles Tucker; trustees, Jeremiah Warner, Charles Young, F. H. Sales, A. H. Day; clerk, Charles Young; chief engineer, C. J. Thrall.

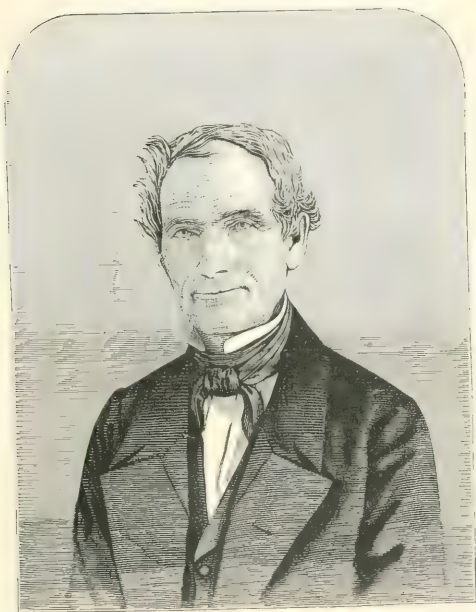
#### VILLAGE OF ILION.

There was nothing meriting the name of a village on the site of Ilion until after the completion of the Erie Canal, yet there was a store there as early as 1816, and perhaps earlier, a fact which is attested by shiplasters of Thomas Gillespie & Son of that date. In early years the western part of the present corporation was called "London." After the construction of the canal the locality was known as Morgan's Landing, while on the canal list it was called Steele's Creek.

The following interesting and comprehensive account of the place was written by William Hibbard Page in 1874:

On the 1st day of January, in the year 1828, Eliphalet Remington purchased one hundred acres of land of John A. Clapsaddle, in part the site of the present village of Ilion, being that portion bounded on the west by Otsego street. The canal had been in operation about three years, but the settlement could only boast of seven dwellings, two storehouses and a school-house. The river road (Main street) came down from Frankfort as it does now, but near the residence of Mr. Albert Baker it crossed the canal on a bridge, which was torn away when the canal was enlarged; passing down on the north side, it recrossed to the south side of the canal a short distance below the gas works. One of the principal dwellings was the old Clapsaddle farm house, which stood on the premises now occupied by the bank block and the adjacent armory buildings. Here Mr. Clapsaddle had lived many years, and we are reliably informed that he was born and brought up in this vicinity. Where Small's Hotel now is there stood a building, in the front part of which was the "corner grocery," kept by a man named Cary. Here all the business of the Corners was transacted, temporally and spiritually. Groceries, dry goods, etc., and intoxicating liquors made up the stock in trade. Daniel Dygert, father of our townsman, J. M. Dygert, occupied a portion of the same building as a dwelling. Just west of this, and where the last named gentleman now lives, was the residence of his uncle, Dennis Dygert. This gentleman owned a storehouse, which stood where Hotaling's block now is. On the site of Long's Hotel (now occupied by the Coleman carriage and wagon factory) was the farm house of Selden Mor-

gan, who also owned a storehouse near where the steam mill now stands. Still farther west and near the creek, was the residence of Adam Steele. The school-house was located on the site of Long's barn, near the old feeder, but was afterward moved to about half way between Dennis Dygert's storehouse and the bridge first mentioned. Opposite this bridge, and close to the towpath, was the "Seth Curtis House," occupied by Mr. Lawrence Helmer, which is still standing, and is distinguished as the old brown tenement, third building east of the Agricultural Works; farther to the east was the residence of Esquire Helmer. This property was afterwards bought of Mr. Harter by William Jinks, inventor of the Jinks carbine, who erected a new dwelling in the place of the old one; and later it passed into the hands of Esquire Rasbach, by whose family it is now occupied. Such was Ilion in 1831; and these eight families consisted of less than forty persons. From 1830 to 1843 the settlement was called Remington's Corners by the residents, and generally known as such by the inhabitants of the surrounding country. On the canal list, however, it was designated as Steele's Creek, probably after the stream of water which now flows through the center of the village, and which took its name from the fact that Mr. Steele had lived for many years where the creek passes under the canal. During all this time there was no post-office at this point, and the villagers received their mail through the office at Mohawk and others in the immediate vicinity. This was a source of great annoyance to them, as it was very inconvenient to go or send from two to ten miles to get letters and papers which might be brought almost to their very doors. In 1843 the place had materially increased in size and population, and had become a point of considerable interest. The manufacture of fire-arms was then in its infancy; indeed, Mr. Remington's principal business was the manufacture of gun barrels, which were sold to gunsmiths and to large manufacturing houses in distant cities. At this time the necessity for a post-office had correspondingly increased with the prosperity of the Corners, and became the principal topic of conversation in the stores, shops, and firesides as well. But to get an office there must be a name by which to call it. As many as thirty different names were proposed. This was at a time when villages were being named after the most prominent statesmen of the nation, and as there cannot be two post-offices of the same name in any single State, nearly all the propositions were dropped and the people of the Corners settled upon two names, Vulcan and Fountain, under one of which they resolved an office should be established. Finally a general meeting of the citizens was called to express their views, and to decide by vote which of the two it should be. This meeting was held in one of the stores. The result of the vote as announced was that the friends of Fountain outnumbered the Vulcanites nine to one. These were the days of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too!" On the death of William Henry Harrison, John Tyler succeeded to the presidency, and under his administration A. G. Wicliffe was postmaster-general. From 1840 to 1844 Hon. L. L. Merry was postmaster at Mohawk, and he used to send the mail to the Corners tied up in a handkerchief; frequently there being no more of it than he could hold in one hand. Mr. Benton, of Mohawk, familiarly known as Charley Benton, was member of Congress from this district, and the petition for the new office was placed in his hands. Another petition, from Mr. Merry and the postmasters at Herkimer and Frankfort, was also handed to Mr. Ben-



*Eliphalet Remington.*





ton, but was not presented to the department, as Mr. Wicliffe readily granted the office on the petition of the citizens. The friends of Fountain were not entirely satisfied with their choice, although they consented to adopt the name for the want of something better. It had been suggested that the place be named after Mr. Remington, but that gentleman modestly declined the honor. Mr. Benton, however, was so much in favor of the suggestion that after consulting with General Spinner, then cashier of the Mohawk Valley Bank, and Humphrey G. Root, by their advice he concluded to change the name, on presenting the petition, which he did accordingly. So this village was called Remington by authority of the government, and one of its most highly esteemed citizens, David D. Devoe, was appointed to be postmaster. As might be supposed, the people were greatly surprised when the papers were received informing them of the change, but they were apparently satisfied. Mr. Remington was displeased. In due time the department sent on a contract for a weekly mail from Mohawk at twelve dollars a year; a mail but once a week was hardly better than under the old system, and a contract at twelve dollars a year nobody would take. For the sake of form, however, and to comply with the requirements of the department, David Harrington was induced to accept it, and the contract was accordingly returned to Washington. This arrangement not being satisfactory to the postmaster or the citizens, Mr. Devoe made a private contract with a Mr. Roarbach to let his (Roarbach's) boy get a daily mail from Mohawk; and it was agreed that in time of unpleasant and stormy weather the official should go after the mail himself. The price of the contract was fifty-six dollars. This sum was the amount allowed by the department, less forty-four dollars, which Mr. Devoe paid out of his own pocket. The office was opened in the store where O. B. Rudd's jewelry store is now located, and it was fitted up with a case of boxes and other fixtures necessary to make it convenient by Mr. Devoe. These circumstances are mentioned simply to show how much interest was felt by our first postmaster in the success of his administration, as well as personal expenses incurred by him in supplying Remington with a daily mail, facts not generally known to our citizens. So great was Mr. Remington's displeasure at the name of the new post-office that he refused to date his letters at Remington, but dated them at German Flats; consequently answers to his correspondence were sent to German Flats post-office, nine miles away up in Paine's Hollow. As a further inconvenience, letters addressed to this place would be sent to Bennington, Vt., Perrinton, N. J., Bennington, N. Y., and another place of similar name in Pennsylvania; so also would letters intended for those places reach this office, occasioned, of course, by illegible superscription. These circumstances finally became a source of such great annoyance that the people murmured. About a year after the establishment of the office Messrs. Remington and Devoe became satisfied that a change was very much needed. Considerable time was spent by them in searching for an Indian name for some point in close proximity to Remington, but without effect. Failing to find a name which he would be willing to forward on his own responsibility to the department for confirmation, Mr. Remington asked his friend to suggest one, and Mr. Devoe named Ilion, which he had proposed at the beginning. At that time there was one other office of this name in the United States, located in Tipton county, Tenn., but it has since been discontinued. On that account,

but chiefly because he had been favorably impressed with it in reading Homer's *Iliad*, did Postmaster Devoe urge the name of Ilion. Mr. Remington was pleased with it, but there was one objection; he thought that there was somewhat of vanity in taking the name of so important a city as ancient Troy to bestow on such a small and unpretending place as was proposed. Concluding that none could be found that would give better satisfaction, these gentlemen sent their petition to Washington, and the name of Ilion was substituted for Remington, without consulting the citizens, which would doubtless have caused delay, and perhaps defeated the object in view. So the stone which the builders refused is become the headstone of the corner.

The village was incorporated in 1852, and the first officers were as follow: Trustees, John A. Rasbach, John Harrington, Conrad Folts, Phineas Gates, and Samuel Underwood; assessors, Jacob Getman, Lawrence Helmer, William J. Lewis; clerk, Eliphalet Remington, jr.; treasurer, William O. Barnes; collector, William Breadon; poundmaster, Abraham Fish. In 1866 by legislative act the charter was changed in important matters, making the term of office of the trustees five years, and providing for the election of one only each year. In 1870 the population had reached 2,876, and in 1875 it was a little more than 4,000; it is now nearly 5,000.

The fire department was organized in 1863. R. R. Bennet was the first chief engineer, and Alfred E. Brooks and William Kitzmiller, first and second assistants. The present chief engineer is M. M. Kane. The Armory Hose Company was organized in 1863 and was composed wholly of employees in the Remington factories, and chiefly for the protection of those works, the water being taken from pumps. This organization continued until 1870, when the corporation purchased for it a hand engine. The company was then divided, a part retaining the former name and the others assuming the name of Excelsior Fire Company No. 2, and persons outside of the Remington works were admitted to membership. A. H. Sumner was the first foreman of Excelsior Company, and John Irlam and Smith C. Harter, first and second assistants.

Ilion Steamer and Hose No. 1 was organized in 1863, soon after the formation of the Armory Hose Company. It consisted of fifty men, and the first foreman was D. J. Randall. The steamer purchased at about this time and for this company, cost \$4,500; it was a Silsby rotary. In the spring of 1876 the village purchased two new steamers



*E. Hinington*



of the Silsby make, at a cost of \$4,000 each. The village has always been fortunate in escaping disastrous fires, and the department is now thoroughly equipped after modern ideas.

In 1852 the Ilion Bank began operations under the State banking laws, with a capital of \$100,000. The first directors were Eliphalet Remington, Benjamin Carver, Benjamin P. Markham, John P. Sill, George Tuckerman, Vose Palmer, John Ingersoll, Alonzo Wood, Henry L. Green, Peter H. Warren, and John A. Rasbach. Eliphalet Remington was elected the first president; John Ingersoll, vice-president; Robert H. Pomeroy, cashier. Mr. Remington held the office of president until his death, and was succeeded by George Tuckerman. The successive cashiers were Frank Carver succeeding Mr. Pomeroy, Le Roy Tuttle, John A. Rasbach, H. H. Devendorf, and Floyd C. Shepard. The bank suspended business in 1866, paying all of its liabilities in full.

The Ilion National bank was organized March 14, 1867, with a capital of \$100,000. The first president was Jacob J. Folts, and the first cashier, Charles Harter, who was succeeded in the office by F. C. Shepard, and he by David Lewis, the present cashier. The first board of directors was as follows: Varnum S. Kenyon, Alfred E. Varney, William Getman, George Tuckerman, Floyd C. Shepard, Jacob J. Folts, John Hoefler, Henry L. Green, Peter Countryman. Philo Remington succeeded Mr. Folts as president of the bank, and Charles Harter, the present president, succeeded Mr. Remington. The excellent management of this institution is shown in its condition. Its deposits now amount to \$355,582.62, while it has surplus and profits of over \$40,000.

The first attempt to secure for Ilion better educational facilities than were supplied by the common and free schools, was the formation of an association about 1881-2, comprising twenty progressive citizens, who pledged themselves to the payment of \$200 each for the establishment of an academy. The institution was started, but it did not meet with expected success, and in 1864 it was given up and a graded school established.

In addition to the district school-house then in existence, a commodious brick building was erected in 1865, at a cost of \$23,000. It

has since been enlarged by an extension of the stone building in the rear, which is used for a primary department. The bounds of the district coincide with those of the village. This school has been under the care of the Regents of the University for about fifteen years, and the academic class sent out its first graduates in 1873. There are about 1,200 children of school age in the district, and twenty-two teachers are employed, with Judson I. Wood as principal.

Through the inauguration in Ilion of large manufactories, noticed a little further on, the village has grown rapidly and is now a thriving business center. Extensive water works are about to be constructed, for which bonds have been issued and sold to the amount of \$95,000. Connection is conveniently made with Mohawk by the street railroad, already described, and with Frankfort by another line which was opened in 1871; and a station on the Central road at a distance of half a mile and one on the West Shore still nearer, give the place additional importance.

The writer who attempts to make a history of Ilion must give very much of his attention to the founding and growth of the great Remington arms works, which have in recent years passed to other hands. The farm which Eliphalet Remington (senior) purchased in 1816 lay upon the banks of a small stream (Steele's Creek) in the then wilds of Herkimer county, the waters of which have now almost disappeared. Young Remington early showed remarkable mechanical genius, and tradition tells of how he constructed a gun for his own use before he reached manhood, an appeal for one to his father having resulted in refusal. The gunsmith at Utica, to whom the boy's gun barrel was taken for rifling, saw that it was made in an unusually excellent manner and greatly encouraged its maker by his praise. It should be stated that there was a forge of some kind on the Remington farm, which served the boy's purpose in making the gun barrel. When the fame of that first production began to spread, as it soon did, young Remington was called on at first by a few and soon by many others to make guns for them. At first he made only the barrels, but gradually extended his operations to the finishing of the complete guns. Down to about 1831 the work was prosecuted at the home place, and the demand for the Remington barrels and guns far exceeded the capacity of the insignificant works.



*P. H. Livingston*





In 1828 the canal had recently been opened and Mr. Remington in searching for a proper and convenient site for the extension of his works, saw with prophetic eye the possibilities offered at Ilion. He accordingly purchased a large tract of land here and erected his first shop, a low one-story building. Here he carried on his business, which showed a healthy growth. In 1835 he purchased of Ames & Co of Springfield, Mass, their plant of gun-finishing machinery, with a part of an unfinished contract with the United States for some thousands of carbines. The works were increased, and before the completion of this contract, the rising establishment was given another for 5,000 Harper's Ferry Rifles; and still another followed in quick succession. About the year 1840, while the capacity of the works was still insignificant compared to their later magnitude, Mr Remington's sons, Samuel, Philo and Eliphalet, reached manhood and took an active part in the growing business, with the best of results.

In 1847 the firm began making pistols, and so simply and efficiently were they constructed that a large market was opened for them at once. This branch of the business grew to enormous proportions before they took up the manufacture of their well-known army and navy revolver, which was afterwards adopted by the United States government. For some time previous to 1865 the firm had perfected systems particularly designed for the conversion of muzzle loaders to breech loaders, in rifles. A carbine embodying the results of their prior experiments in this direction was tested among about sixty others by a board of government officers at Springfield in 1865, and attracted considerable attention. During the succeeding year valuable improvements were made in the system, after which for many years the Remington was the leading breech-loading arm of the world. Many governments in the old world adopted it, while large contracts were filled for the United States, and the gross number manufactured reached much more than half a million. In all of the severe tests made by expert boards for the several governments, including our own, this arm maintained its foremost reputation. So great was the capacity of the new works that in 1870-71, during a period of about seven months, the enormous number of 155,000 rifles was shipped to the French government—a result altogether unprecedented in the history of similar enterprises.

In January, 1865, the Remington works were incorporated, with Philo Remington as president; Samuel Remington, vice-president; Eliphalet Remington, secretary. In 1871 Col. W. C. Squire was elected secretary: he was a member of the Remington family by marriage, and is now United States Senator for the State of Washington. The nominal capital was \$1,000,000, while the value of the plant was then placed at \$1,500,000. This latter estimate was subsequently increased to about \$3,000,000.

In 1856 the manufacture of agricultural implements was begun at the armory, commencing with a cultivator tooth, which soon found a large and profitable market. To this was afterwards added plows, mowing machines, wheel rakes, horse hoes, and a large variety of smaller tools. For this department three large buildings were erected, and they employed at one time about 400 men.

In 1870 the firm added to their line of products the manufacture of sewing machines, a branch of the business that soon became as successful as those preceding it. This step was taken partly because of the fluctuation in the manufacture of arms, much of the machinery being necessarily idle at times. An excellent sewing machine was turned out and it found such favor that the sale reached about 35,000 in a single year.

In 1874 still another important industry was added to these works in the manufacture of typewriters, which have since become almost a household necessity. While this branch of the business was being developed and improved, the firm became embarrassed through causes which we need not enter into here. In 1878, to relieve the financial embarrassment of the corporation, its bonds for over \$500,000 having five years to run, were issued to its creditors. In 1882, in order to provide relief and get quicker returns for a part of the vast product of the factories, an arrangement was made whereby the sewing machine output was disposed of by the Remington Sewing Machine Agency, a company formed for the purpose of marketing all the machines made at the works. In August of the same year further arrangements to this end were made by which the typewriters were sold direct to the firm of Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, who continued to handle the product of that department until March, 1886, at which time they pur-



*Samuel Pierpont Emory.*



chased the business and machinery and have ever since handled with great success both manufacture and sale of these machines, giving employment at the factory to about 400 men. In 1883 a further arrangement was made with Lamberson, Furman & Co., of New York, to handle all the sporting arms. All this served as a relief for a period; but unfortunately it was not permanent. In March, 1886, the entire typewriter interest was sold, as above stated, and a part of the works leased in which to continue manufacture. This action preceded the failure of the company only a few weeks, and in April A. N. Russell and Addison Brill, both prominent business men of Ilion, were appointed receivers of the company. They immediately assumed charge of the works and took an inventory as soon as practicable. Their report was ready in June. Under order of the court they operated the works until 1888. In October, 1887, they were given an order to sell the works at auction, and the first sale was made in February, 1888, the gun department being sold to Hartley & Graham, of New York, for \$152,000. This sale included the armory plant and all the goods in process of completion. The sale was not approved by the court, and a second took place in March, 1888, under which the same firm paid \$200,000 for the same property. This firm organized the Remington Arms Company, with Marcellus Hartley as president; Thomas G. Bennett, vice-president; W. W. Reynolds, secretary; Wilfred Hartley, treasurer. About 500 hands are now employed in these works, and new lines of manufacture have been added which have greatly increased the magnitude of the establishment, particularly the Remington bicycle, which is now occupying a prominent place among the various styles of popular wheels.

The agricultural works were formerly a co-partnership carried on by Philo and Eliphalet Remington. Charles Harter was made assignee of this establishment and it was sold at auction in the summer of 1887, passing afterwards by lease to the typewriter firm, which has recently become incorporated and purchased the property, while one department of the original agricultural works is now carried on by A. M. Ross & Co., who make a variety of implements and employ about 80 hands. In the typewriter works about 600 hands are employed and nearly 20,000 machines are made annually. These large industries are of great benefit to the village.

The Ilion Manufacturing Company was organized in 1886, for the manufacture of knit goods. The building and machinery have recently been leased to the Ilion Knitting Company. About 80 hands are employed, and the product comprises ladies' and men's underwear.

The business now conducted by A. N. Russell & Sons was established by Brill & Russell in 1871, on the site of the present plant. S. T. Russell joined the firm in 1880, the style being changed to Brill, Russell & Co. In 1882 George Russell became a member of the firm and the name was changed to A. N. Russell & Sons. A very large lumber trade is carried on, and also the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds, general interior finishing and boxes. About 40 hands are employed.

Frederick Coleman has been connected with carriage manufacturing in Ilion since 1875, when he began in a small way. In 1889 the Coleman Carriage and Wagon Company was organized as a corporation, since which time large factories have been built. Carriages and sleighs of high grade are made, and 75 hands employed. Thomas Richardson, president; Charles Harter, vice-president; A. N. Russell, secretary; Frederick Coleman, treasurer and general manager.

The first newspaper in Ilion was the *Ilion Independent*, which was established by George W. Bungay in 1855. The proprietor, who in later years acquired considerable reputation as a poet and a lecturer, and died in 1892, was induced to come to the village and start a paper by the Remingtons. Poets are not necessarily good editors and managers, and the *Independent* was not very successful. In 1858 it was removed to Utica, its title changed to the *Central Independent*, and subsequently it was merged in the *Utica Herald*. In the year last named, and after the departure of the *Independent*, the Remingtons again took steps to secure for the place the publication of a newspaper, and S. B. Loomis became the editor and nominal proprietor. The paper was Republican in character and was called the *Loyal Citizen*. It probably did not pay financially, at least for a period, but received the necessary support from the Remingtons, who employed various persons to take the active management of the establishment. Subsequently the name of the paper was changed to the *Ilion Citizen*, which it has since borne. In 1878 Rev. Albert E. Corse was editor of the journal, and C. D. Rose business manager.



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In 1884 the establishment was in possession of Weaver & Mead, and on the 1st of January, 1885, C. S. Munger purchased a half interest in the establishment and the firm style became Weaver & Munger. At the same time the *Herkimer Citizen* was founded by the firm and has continued to the present time. (See history of Herkimer village.) In the conduct of the two journals, George W. Weaver was in immediate charge of the Ilion branch, while Mr. Munger gave his attention to the Herkimer sheet. On the 1st of January, 1889, Mr. Weaver retired and his interest was purchased jointly by A. T. Smith and F. E. Easton, who with Mr. Munger form the Citizen Publishing Company. The *Citizen* is at the present time a progressive, ably edited paper, and makes its influence felt throughout the county.

The *Ilion News* was started March 21, 1889, by C. A. White. He sold out in 1891 to C. D. Munsel, the present publisher, under whose management the paper is gaining in reputation and circulation.

*Churches of Ilion.*—Methodism in Ilion dates back to 1832, when Rev. John Ercanback, a preacher in charge of the Litchfield circuit, organized the first class, consisting of John Hunt and wife, Mrs. Bolles, Mrs. Nathan Morgan, W. Norton, R. Hunt, and probably one or two others. John Hunt was the first class leader and at his house the first preaching was held. After that the school-house was used for services. In 1840 Ilion, together with Frankfort and Mohawk, was made a part of the Herkimer circuit; Rev. C. H. Austin was the preacher in charge. In 1842 Rev. B. I. Diefendorf and Rev. J. Thomas were sent to Herkimer circuit and in that year a union church was built by the Methodists and Universalists; this was afterwards sold to the Baptists and still belongs to them. In 1856 Frankfort and Ilion were made a separate circuit, with Rev. A. M. Smith in charge; he was followed for two years by Rev. J. B. Ferguson, and one year by Rev. O. Squire.

In 1860 Ilion became a preaching station, having some sixty members and paying \$400 preacher's salary. In 1862 the parsonage was built, Rev. J. F. Dayan, pastor. In 1866 was built the First Methodist Church; Rev. E. Horr (then a probationer in the Conference), pastor. In 1890 Mrs. Caroline Remington, in remembrance of her husband lately deceased, built and presented to the church the Remington Memorial Chapel; Rev. D. F. Pierce, pastor. The church has now

465 members and thirty probationers and owns a church and parsonage property worth \$35,000.

The pastors of the church have been :

1860-61, D. B. White; 1862-63, J. F. Dayan; 1864-66, E. Horr, jr.; 1867-69, F. F. Jewel; 1870-72, M. S. Hard; 1873-74, T. B. Shepherd; 1875-77, H. W. Bennett; 1878-80, G. M. Mead; 1881-83, W. H. Reese; 1884-86, S. O. Barnes; 1887-90, D. F. Pierce; 1891-92, R. E. King. Superintendent of Sunday-school, L. B. Walrath.

The Baptist church (under title of the First Baptist Church of Ilion) was organized in April, 1865, but had been recognized by a council which met in the Union church in February preceding, and consisted of fifteen members. Rev. R. O. Broady was the first pastor. In 1869 the Union church building was purchased by the society and extensively remodeled, enlarged and refitted; it was dedicated on the 13th of May, 1869. Among the pastors who have served the church since the first are Revs. W. W. Jones, Judson Davis, James H. Andrews, L. Golden, Mr. Maxfield, Mr. Reeder, Mr. Merwin, A. B. Sears, who came in 1887, and Rev. A. M. Beggs, who came in 1890. The membership is about 250. Superintendent of Sunday-school, Frederick Coleman.

First Presbyterian Church of Ilion.—At a meeting of the Presbytery of Utica, held at Little Falls January 16, 1871, Aaron Brown and A. H. Sumner appeared in behalf of residents of Ilion and asked to be organized into a Presbyterian church. The request was granted and the following persons became members :

Aaron Brown, A. H. Sumner, Mrs. Mandana A. Sumner, Rebecca Churchill, A. P. Redway, Mrs. Fannie Redway, Sarah A. Southworth, Helen Southworth, Eliza R. Hanson, George Newth, Mrs. Charlotte Newth, John Wake, Mrs. Mariette Wake, Thomas G. Hutchinson, H. Harper Benedict, Mrs. Marie Benedict, Sarah Robinson, and E. Robinson.

In the following November Rev. D. M. Rankin became pastor and continued until 1878. In October of that year Rev. A. F. Lyle was called; he was succeeded in 1882 by Rev. M. E. Dunham, and he by Rev. W. C. Taylor, the present pastor, whose services began in October, 1888. In the spring of 1874 a lot was purchased on the corner of Morgan and Second streets for \$4,500, and there the present handsome brick church was erected; the entire property is worth about \$40,000.

The first elders of the church were Aaron Brown and A. H. Sumner. The deacons were George W. Newth and James Truax. The first

trustees were A. M. Osgood, S. W. Skinner and Russel Perkins. The present trustees are F. O. Harter, J. K. Harris, A. H. Sumner, N. J. Newth, C. W. Carpenter, H. A. House, J. C. Truax. Elders, A. H. Sumner, N. J. Newth, J. K. Harris, F. O. Harter, Robert Watson. The church membership is 143.

Church of the Annunciation.—In 1845 Rev. Father John McMenomy, a Roman Catholic priest, established a mission at this place in connection with missions at Mohawk, Frankfort and Herkimer. He was stationed at Little Falls and attended this mission from that place, continuing to do so until 1856, when Rev. Father William Howard took charge of this missionary field. He lived in Mohawk the first year and preached in Varley Hall, in that village. In August, 1857, Father Howard purchased of Mr. J. P. Pelton, of Ilion, the house and lot, containing two and a half acres of land, upon which the church and parsonage now stands, paying therefor \$4,500. In April, 1868, he inaugurated measures for building a church edifice, and in August of the same year the present church was dedicated by J. J. Conroy, bishop of Albany, assisted by twelve priests. The buildings cost \$14,000, and the property is at the present time worth \$30,000 and is clear from debt. The membership comprises about 200 families. The station is now and has for many years been in charge of Rev. Father J. F. Hyland.

The Catholic Parish of the Annunciation, including the villages and surrounding country of Herkimer, Mohawk, Ilion and Frankfort, was organized into a mission in 1867, by Rt. Rev. J. J. Conroy, with Rev. William Howard as first resident pastor. His assistants at different times were Revs. A. P. Ludden, J. F. Mullany and W. J. Smith.

Owing to his zealous faith and untiring energy Father Howard was very successful in securing a suitable church, rectory and cemetery, and for the most part paying for them. His continued illness, and local business depression, induced him to retire to Herkimer in 1878. He was succeeded by Rev. J. F. Hyland. During his incumbency of fourteen years the church, cemetery and rectory have been enlarged and greatly improved. The debt also has been paid and there are a few thousand dollars in the treasury.

Though Herkimer was severed from the mission in 1878, and Frankfort in 1886, the church attendance has not decreased.

Rev. J. F. Hyland was the second child of a large family in the town of Hamilton, Madison county, N. Y. He graduated successively from the public schools there, Eastman's Commercial Business College, Poughkeepsie; Niagara University, Suspension Bridge, and St. Joseph's Theological Seminary, Troy, where he was ordained in 1874.

He was assistant pastor of St. John the Baptist's church, Syracuse, and St. Mary's, Amsterdam, and became pastor of the Church of the Annunciation, Ilion, in 1878.

St. Augustine's Protestant Episcopal Church was incorporated on the 9th of August, 1869, with the following officers: Wardens, Floyd C. Shepard and John W. Newhouse; vestrymen, S. Bosworth Johnson, William Onyans, William R. Russell, David W. Vanderburgh, Richard Hard and George Rix. In August, 1869, Rev. Charles H. Lancaster was chosen rector, and was succeeded November 1, 1871, by Rev. George H. Hepburn. Succeeding rectors have been Revs. C. F. A. Bielby, Edward M. Pecke, J. B. Hubbs, Edwin Armstrong, J. Dolby Skeene, S. M. Griswold, and the present rector, Rev. William Mason Cook, who came in 1888. There are 173 communicants in the church, and following are the wardens: F. C. Shepard, R. L. Winegar; vestrymen, George P. Rix, T. J. Behan, George H. Barlow, George H. Dyett, Alfred Williamson, N. A. Hanchett, Walter C. Rix and Walter S. Baker.

The present officers of the village of Ilion are as follows: President, Dr. A. J. Douglass; trustees, Seward Hakes, Harrington P. Whitney, M. L. Burke, John Van Gumster; clerk, Z. E. Cooper; chief engineer of the fire department, M. M. Kane; chief of police, Daniel Foley. S. G. Heacock is postmaster.

## CHAPTER XI.

## THE TOWN OF HERKIMER.

WHEN the town of Herkimer was organized in 1788, it contained all that part of the county of Montgomery bounded northerly by the north bounds of the State; easterly by Palatine (then extending to the west bounds of the present town of Manheim); southerly by the Mohawk River, and westerly by a north and south line running across the Mohawk River at the fording place "near the house of William Cunningham, leaving the same house to the west of said line." This fixed the west line of the town on the present western limits of the county, north of the Mohawk, and covered the area now embraced in the towns of Fairfield, Little Falls, Newport, Norway, Ohio, Russia, Schuyler, and Wilmurt, besides a considerable portion of the northern part of the State outside of the present county line. These limits also embrace all that portion of the German Flats and Kingsland districts north of the Mohawk and east of the present westerly bounds of the county.

The town as at present constituted is bounded on the north by Newport and Fairfield; east by West Canada Creek and Little Falls; southerly by the Mohawk River, and westerly by Schuyler. The whole of Winne's and portions of Burnetsfield, Hasenclever's, Colden's and Willett's patents, and some lots of the Royal Grant and Glen's purchase are in this town.

The settlement of the territory included in this town has been alluded to in the early pages of this work. It will be remembered that the Indian deed of Herkimer county lands was under date of 1721, and the land was afterwards secured to the settlers by the colonial patent under date of April 25, 1725. At that date the lands had been surveyed, numbered and assigned to persons by name. One hundred acres were assigned to each of the ninety-two persons named in the patent, on the north side of the river. In order to make an equal division of the flats surrounding the present village of Herkimer, thirty acres were assigned to each person who did not secure intervale lands elsewhere on the

river. The thirty acres were designated as lowland, and to those who had the thirty acres each, were also assigned seventy acres of upland, called woodland in the patent; the thirty-acre lots and seventy-acre lots were designated by the same numbers, and in order to bring each of the seventy-acre lots near to its corresponding thirty-acre lot, the former were made about sixteen rods wide on the river, and almost two and one-half miles long. (See map, page 38.) The names of the Palatines who were to settle on the lots were certified to the surveyor-general and certificates issued to the settlers in the winter and spring of 1723. The certificate of the lot embracing the site of the village of Herkimer bears date March 28, 1723. This lot was assigned to Gertrude Petri, wife of Johan Jost Petri, and contained eighty-six acres.

At the election of town officers in March, 1809, the following persons were chosen :

For supervisor, Henry Staring, town clerk, Melger Fols; assessors, Melger Fols, George Smith, Melger Thum; collector, George Fols; constables, George Fols, Adam Bauman; commissioners of highways, Peter F. Bellinger, John Demuth, Jacob N. Weber; overseers of the poor, Henry Staring, George Weber, jr., Michael Myers; overseers of highways, Marx Demuth, Philip Helmer, Adam Hartman, Hannes Demuth, Peter Weber, Philip Herter, Hannes Hilts, jr., Hannes Eiseman; pound-masters, George Weber, jr., Peter Barky, Hannes Demuth, Nicholas Hilts, Hannes Schell.

From 1725 to the close of the Revolution the foregoing county history comprises very little of general moment that did not take place in this town and German Flats. Fort Dayton was a small stockaded fort erected on the site of the village of Herkimer<sup>1</sup> and within its limits was included the land on which the Reformed church and the court-house now stand.

<sup>1</sup> Regarding the name of "Herkimer" as applied to this town, Gen. F. E. Spinner wrote in 1878 as follows: "The present nomenclature came about by a most singular misunderstanding between Hon. Simeon De Witt, then surveyor-general of the State, and Dr. William Petry, the maternal grandfather of Judge Earl, of Herkimer. The doctor was one of the most intelligent of the settlers of the upper Mohawk valley, and having previously for several years been a member of the State Legislature, was sent to Poughkeepsie, where the Legislature then sat, in regard to the erection of new towns in the then county of Montgomery. This was in 1788. The names of German Flats and Herkimer had been agreed upon, but the location of the two was not understood by the surveyor-general. That officer had his survey maps by patents before him. He asked the doctor as to the situation of each. Viewing the ground from his standpoint, below the mouth of the Mohawk, looking up that river, he answered that Herkimer was on the *left* and German Flats on the *right*. The surveyor-general supposed that the doctor meant the right and left banks of the Mohawk as the river flows. . . . wrote the names on his map, and so the error was enacted into a

Previous to the Revolution the German settlers looked upon the site of Herkimer village as desirable for a business center, as it rose gracefully above the surrounding lands, and was early known as "the Stone Ridge." This site was embraced in lot 17, assigned, as we have said, to Gertrude Petri. On account of its desirable features for compact building, the settlers complained to some extent that it had been granted to one person. In consequence, Mrs. Petri, or members of her family, executed a deed dated July 1, 1765, to forty-six of the Burnetts-field lot owners, and the deed ran to those persons whether they were then dead or living, and conveyed sixty-two and three fourths acres lying southwardly from an east and west line running just north of the present Palmer House. Mrs. Petri retained the part of her lot lying north of this line, and there the court-house, the Reformed church, and other buildings now stand.

Little was done until after the Revolution towards making this site a center of close settlement. In 1793 steps were taken for the division of the tract into small lots, and Evans Wharry, Isaac Brayton, and Phineas Gates were the commissioners for the task. The strange proceeding was then witnessed of granting lots principally to dead persons and seventy years after the lots in the original patent had been assigned to them. The sixty-two and three-fourths acres were divided into two sections, the present Main street being the dividing line, and a street was run through each section parallel with Main street. They then laid out the land into half acre lots, bounding the same on the three streets that are now known as Main, Prospect and Washington streets, and making forty-six lots in each division. A map was made showing the numbers and positions of the lots, and the forty-six names were written on slips of paper and placed in a hat to be drawn out, the first drawing being written on lot No. 1, and so on through the whole list. Each person, dead or alive, whose name was read in the proceedings, was assigned two lots of the same number, one in each division. Nicholas Feller, who received lots No. 4, was dead before the deed was executed by which the sixty-two and three-fourths acres were granted.

law, and the reversal of the names was not known until too late, and so they have remained ever since. The old and true German Flats, which are situate in the angle formed by the confluence of the Mohawk with the West Canada Creek, were by this mistake placed on the opposite side of the Mohawk, and Fort Herkimer was carried by force of law to the German Flats."



John Jost Herkimer was assigned lots 45, and he, too, was dead long before the division was made; and the same might be said of most of the others. It is under this partition that titles to the village lots have since been held. The title to the portion of the Stone Ridge retained by Mrs. Petri, with the exception of the acre belonging to the Reformed church, passed into the hands of Gen. Michael Myers soon after the Revolutionary War, and from him the title to all that part of the village site is held, including the title to the land on which the county buildings stand. The original map made by the commissioners contains the following names of those who received lots, given with the original spelling:

Mary Catharine Coen, Lodwick Richet, Jurgh Doxstater, John Adam Staring, Michael Ellet, Johonas Pownall, Adam Michael Smith, Nicholas Woolver, John Vanderline, Wendrick Myer, John Jurgh Smith, John Casler, Johonas Bellinger, Lawrence Harder, Nicholas Staring, Lendert Helmer, Lodwick Pears, Godfrey Reece, Jacob Weaver, Dedrick Tamouth, Christian Felmer, John Jost Herkimer, Hendrick Orendorf, Nicholas Wever, Johonas Miller, Frederick Bellinger, John Jurgh Kast, jr., Peter Bellinger, Rodolph Korsing, Jurgh Herkheimer, John Michael Edigh, Widow M. Folts, Hendrick Spoon, John Jost Petrie, Peter Spier, Johonas Boarman, Thomas Shoemaker, Philip Helmer, Conradt Richet, John Adam Helmer, Frederick Staring, Anna Catharine Land, Nicholas Feller, John Adam Bowman, Johan Jurgh Kast, Johanas Hess.

It need hardly be stated that numerous descendants of these families are still living in the town of Herkimer and in other parts of the county.

Here and on the opposite side of the river on the flats the settlers had, before the outbreak of the French and Indian war, made for themselves comfortable homes, built mills and churches, and were living in contented peace.

The building of the stone church and a mill south of the river is described in the preceding history of the town of German Flats; these were the first in the present limits of the county. Then followed the erection of the church on the site of the Reformed church in Herkimer village, described a little further on. A grist-mill that was burned in the invasion of November, 1757, was situated about half a mile north of the turnpike, near the residence of George W. Pine, on lands of the late Hon. Frederick P. Bellinger. This mill was built shortly after the year 1753 by Jacob Weber, to whom was assigned lot No. 10 in the

patent on the north side of the river. He bought, July 2, 1733, an acre of land in lot No. 11, adjoining his lot, to make with his lot a convenient mill site. In 1769 Dr. William Petry, then a prominent and leading German in the valley, took a bond from Jacob Weber and his son, George Jacob Weber, for a deed of this mill site. The condition in that bond shows that it was the site of a former mill, and is as follows:

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden George Jacob Weber and Jacob Weber, Senior, their heirs, executors, administrators, or any of them, do will and truly deliver for the first of Jacob Weber, Senior, one acre of land in the clove of Christman's mill Kill, and in Frederick Reegle's House place, *where the old mill was*, and then together out of their own House place near by above this acre the land lying on the same Kill from one hill to the opposite one when he finds necessary for the use of a mill unto said William Petry, etc.<sup>1</sup>

This extract shows that there was a mill on this site before the burning of 1757. It was one of the grist-mills mentioned in the account of that disastrous event. There is a tradition that John Christman had a mill, probably a saw-mill, on this creek. On the site mentioned in the bond above referred to, Dr. William Petry erected a grist-mill, a potashery, dwelling house and other buildings. These were all burned at the time of Brant's invasion in 1778.

The following petition throws light upon the history of Fort Dayton (Herkimer), after the Revolution, and indicates that the Legislature gave some needed relief to poor widows whose husbands were killed in the war:

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York our humble petition sheweth:

We the subscribers humbly beg to take in consideration our poor circumstances, it has been pleased to grant ten of the poor widows occasioned by the enemy, the Legislature by the session of last spring, some provision where Peter Tygert, Esq., should have the charge of, we never have got anything yet until this moment, and have expended the chief parts of our clothes and effects for the maintenance of our families.

We therefore humbly beg to order this provision to be issued to us by Peter Tygert, Esq., to be forwarded so that we may in our distress be supported. Then further, since the petition of us has been grant four other families have shared the same fate with us and Catharine Demood, Anna Colsh, Catharine Reigel and Anna Lents, where two of their husbands had been killed and two taken prisoners.

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Earl's papers.

So we humbly beg to grant us some support wherefore we shall ever pray and call ourselves your honours' most obedient humble servants.

Fort Dayton, March 3d, 1787.

ELIZABETH AYRES,	CATHARINE RINHILL,
CATHARINE DEMOOD,	SYLLIA DINIS,
EVA KELLER,	ANNA COLSH,
GERTRUDE STEINWAY,	MARGARETH CLEMENTZ,
CATHARINE REIGEL,	MARIA SKIFF,
SUSAN OYE,	ANNA LENTZ,
MARGARETH BROWN,	MAGDALEIN SNEK.'

Nicholas Feller, who has already been mentioned as receiving a lot in the division under Gertrude Petry's deed, and who also had possession of a tract in German Flats, was assigned lot No. 7, lowland and upland, on the north side of the river. The upland lot was, according to the late Samuel Earl, "the house place and is the next lot east of the paper-mill in the village of Herkinier. There he lived and died. He made his will in 1734, one of the witnesses to which was John Jost Petri, his nearest neighbor, then living on the adjoining lot No. 8, whereon stands the paper mill of Messrs. Miller & Churchill. In his will he gives his lot to his daughter, Maria Elizabeth, wife of George Hiltz. The lot was afterwards owned by George Hiltz's son, Nicholas Hiltz, and he was succeeded by his son, George Hiltz, who died in 1857." This is one of the few lots that remained in possession of descendants of the original holder until very recent years. Another lot that may be mentioned as remaining in the family during a number of succeeding generations was that of the Duxtaders, about a mile west of the court-house on the turnpike, lot No. 20. On this lot John Duxtader, father of Frederick, was wounded by the Indians in August, 1780, while at work with his brothers on the lowlands near the river. Frederick Duxtader lived to a great age, and the lot passed to his daughter, wife of Alexander M. Gray, who occupied it.

Before the War of the Revolution Dr. William Petry<sup>2</sup> purchased lot No. 11, lowland and upland. On the southerly end of the upland stands the Samuel Earl homestead, which is still in possession of the family. William Smith, also, still occupies the home of his ancestors. Members of the Smith and Shell families occupied until recent years the farms on

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Earl's papers.

<sup>2</sup> For sketch of Dr. Petry see Chapter on the Medical Profession.

the east side of the West Canada Creek where their ancestors lived and died.

The original Jacob Wever drew lot No. 10 in the Burnetsfield assignment; the upland lot, upon which he settled and lived, is at the head of Main street, in the village. After his death it passed to his sons, Peter and George Jacob, the latter getting the western half. This land remained with members of the family until recent years.

The emigration into the county after the Revolution took place chiefly between 1785 and 1800, and consisted largely of shrewd New Englanders. Between this Yankee element and the German settlers there was considerable rivalry and antagonism for some years, but ultimately the former became dominant, and the Germans gradually relinquished the conduct of affairs and supremacy in manufacturing and commercial matters. Brief sketches of a few of the settlers follow:

Henry Ellison came into Herkimer soon after the county was created and settled on the West Canada Creek, some miles north of the village, where he engaged in farming and tanning. He was an intelligent, progressive man and occupied several positions of trust; was presidential elector in 1836, and held minor offices. He died at his home leaving an ample estate to his posterity.

Dan Chapman was a native of Connecticut and came into the county at an early period, settling at the Stone Ridge in the village, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits and afterwards adopted the legal profession. He was admitted to the bar previous to 1804, was appointed surrogate in 1803, re-appointed in 1808, and held the office until 1816. He removed to Oneida county about 1820.

Joab Griswold settled at Herkimer village, coming from Connecticut, his native State, early in the history of this county. He was an active politician and for his services in the Federal party was given the office of county clerk in March, 1798, which he held six years. Although a lawyer by profession, Mr. Griswold followed farming while he lived at Herkimer. Some of his descendants lived in Herkimer many years after the death of their ancestor.

Elihu Griswold was a member of the medical profession, but did not follow it after he settled in Herkimer before the beginning of the present century. He was appointed county clerk in April, 1804, and held

the office six years; was superseded, but reappointed in 1811 and held the office until his death in 1812. He was succeeded by his son-in-law, Aaron Hackley, jr. Mr. Griswold was born in Herkimer August 17, 1756, and died here January 12, 1812. He was educated and accomplished; a man of energy of character, courteous, generous and social.

Philo M. Hackley was a native of Connecticut, and came with his father, Aaron Hackley, to the town of Salisbury in 1795. Philo removed within a few years to Herkimer village and engaged in mercantile operations, which he continued nearly twenty years. He was an honorable and high-minded man; was a Federalist in politics and belonged to that energetic and "talented body of men who early established themselves at the county seat, and during several years exerted a potent influence in the county."<sup>1</sup> He was appointed surrogate of the county in 1807, but a political revolution displaced him in the following year; was appointed sheriff in 1810, but another change removed him from that office. At the spring election of 1819 he was chosen member of Assembly, with James Orton and Jacob Markell, "three old fashioned and highly respected Federalists." Mr. Hackley lived several years in Little Falls and died in Michigan, whither he had removed.

Henry Hopkins was one of the early merchants of Herkimer. He came hither at an early day; was appointed sheriff in 1813, held the office two years, and in 1815 was elected to the Assembly; was a candidate in 1816, but was defeated. He died at Herkimer in 1827.

Michael Myers has been mentioned in connection with the history of this town. He was a native of New Jersey, and of German descent. He was not of the original Palatine emigrants, but his ancestors may have been among those who came here in 1722. He was wounded at Johnstown in 1781, and was then about twenty-eight years of age. Upon the organization of the county courts he was appointed one of the judges and a justice of the peace in February, 1791, and was several times reappointed; was elected the first member of Assembly after the erection of the county and re-elected the following year. He was elected to the Senate in 1795 and served four years, and was for many years a prominent and influential politician in Herkimer county.

<sup>1</sup> Judge Benton's writings

He was a man of great energy and acquired a large fortune. He died at Herkimer February 17, 1814, at the age of sixty-one years, leaving numerous descendants. Peter M. Myers, appointed county clerk in 1810, was a son, and he also left descendants in the county.

Ephraim Snow lived and died at Herkimer village. He came from Connecticut some time before 1800; was appointed sheriff in 1806 and held the office only one year. He was a respected citizen.

Chauncey Woodruff was a Herkimer merchant for many years. He was appointed sheriff of the county after its erection, under date of March 19, 1798, and held the office by reappointment until 1802. He died in Herkimer in 1810.

Sketches of many other residents of the town will be found in chapters relating to the legal and medical professions.

For a few years succeeding the opening of the Erie Canal the outlook for growth in the village and town of Herkimer was not very promising; but a few years later, when the Utica and Schenectady Railroad passed directly through the village, and the construction of the hydraulic canal was consummated, Herkimer seemed destined to take its proper place as one of the leading towns of Central New York. The farming community promptly and energetically entered upon the dairy industry and soon placed the town well up among the foremost in the manufacture of cheese and butter.

The opening of the Herkimer and Poland Narrow Gauge Railroad in 1881 brought down to the village a considerable volume of northern trade, adding its strength to the welfare of the village; and this road, now just transformed into a first class railroad, extending directly across the northern part of the State, is surely destined to add greatly to the wealth and growth of this town and village.

Following is a list of supervisors of Herkimer, with date of their incumbency:

Henry Staring, 1789, '90; John Porteous, 1791-95; Chauncey Woodruff, 1796, '97; Jacob Griswold, 1798; John Meyer, 1799, 1800; Matthias B. Talmadge, 1801; Evans Wharry, 1802, '03; Ellihu Griswold, 1804, '05; Jost D. Petrie, 1806-09, 1816; Eben Britton, 1810; John McCombs, 1811-13; Winsor Manard, 1814, '15; Philo M. Hackley, 1817-19; Jacob Small, 1820-25; Jacob N. Petrie, 1826, '27; Frederick P. Bellinger, 1828-32, 1835, 1848; James B. Hunt, 1833, '34; Aaron Hackley, 1836, '37; Nicholas Smith, 1838; Frederick Dockstader, 1839; Ezra Graves, 1840, '41; Alex-

ander M. Gray, 1842, '43, 1862-66; Peter C. Helmer, 1844; Robert Ethridge, 1845, '46; E. H. Williams, 1847; Robert Earl, 1849, 1861; Frederick A. Helmer, 1850, '51; Peter Countryman, 1852; John D. Spinner, 1853; Charles Spinner, 1854-58; Marcus W. Rasbach, 1869, 1881-83, 1891; James A. Suiter, 1860, 1872; William Smith, 1867, '68; C. C. Witherstine, 1869-71, 1878; Erwin A. Munson, 1873; George P. Folts, 1874; Clinton Beckwith, 1875; George W. Smith, 1876; Joab Small, 1877; Henry A. Deimel, 1879, '80, 1885; J. Horatio Huyck, 1884; Lewis B. Jones, 1886, '87; Adam J. Smith, 1888, '89; William B. Howell, 1890; William Horrocks, 1892.

#### THE VILLAGE OF HERKIMER.

The village of Herkimer is the oldest in the county, and was incorporated April 6, 1807, Geneva, Cooperstown and Utica then being the only villages west of Herkimer, and the two former antedated Herkimer by only a few days. The population at the date of incorporation was probably about 300. In 1820 it was 547; in 1872, 2,000, and at the present time about 4,000.

The village records as they exist at present begin at the year 1841, since which time the following presidents have been chosen:

1841-44, C. Kathern; 1845, Ezra Graves; 1846, Peter F. Bellinger; 1847, Christian F. Spinner; 1848-50, C. A. Burton; 1851, '52, A. H. Laffin; 1853, Charles Spinner; 1854, J. D. Spinner; 1855, A. M. Gray; 1856-8, George W. Pine; 1859, Samuel Earl; 1860, George W. Pine; 1861, Byron Laffin; 1862, '63, Wm. H. Harter; 1864, B. Laffin; 1865, Robert Earl; 1866, William Smith; 1867, Jeremiah L. Haner; 1868, D. J. Curtiss; 1869, George W. Pine; 1870, J. G. Bellinger; 1871, George P. Folts; 1872, J. D. Spinner; 1873, William Smith; 1874, D. M. Devendorf; 1875, A. T. Freeman; 1876, J. D. Henderson; 1877, Clinton Beckwith; 1878, '79, H. M. P. Uhlee; 1880, C. R. Snell; 1881, Clinton Beckwith; 1882, J. H. Huyck; 1883, J. D. Henderson; 1884, '89, Harvey Huyck; 1886, John D. Moore; 1887, Wm. B. Howell; 1888, Charles G. Grosvenor; 1889, L. B. Jones; 1890, '91, A. B. Steele; 1892, William Witherstine.

In the year 1841 the village was small and few improvements had been made. There were no sidewalks, or almost none, except gravel, and the streets were mere graded roads. In that year \$11.50 was paid for rental of the lot on which the engine-house stood. But the village had a brass band in those days, and a subscription paper is on record in 1842, showing that more than \$150 was subscribed for the purchase of instruments. From about 1850 onward improvements in streets and sidewalks and the opening of new streets progressed rapidly.

The usual provisions were made in early years for protection from fire, in which all citizens were required to share; but it was not until



one or two destructive fires occurred that thorough effort was made for the organization and equipment of a company. Those fires were the one of 1834, which destroyed the old Reformed church, the court-house and other structures, and that in 1838, which burned nearly all of the north half of the block where now stands the Waverly Hotel and the opera-house. In early years all owners of buildings were required to keep a certain number of buckets on their premises, the number based upon the size and height of the buildings. It is not now known just when the first engine was provided; but a new one was purchased on June 1, 1841, and among those who soon afterward were made firemen were the following:

James Trumbly, Henry Clark, David Weber, Asa G. Kelsey, William Howell, jr., Michael Schaffner, jr., Gideon Dodge, Albert Webb, James A. Suiter, David P. Crosby, Philander A. Ford, Jeremiah Petrie and Charles W. Swift.

A few months later the following were constituted Fire Company No. 1:

George Lake, Harvey Huyck, Gaylord Griswold, Philander A. Ford, Charles H. Hopkins, Gideon Dodge, Thomas Fetterly, Henry Clark, James Trumbly, Christian F. Spinner, Asa G. Kelsey, John P. De Graff, Warren Caswell, jr., Benjamin Harter, Jeremiah Petrie, William Look, David Weber, William F. Hayes, Franklin Draper, Charles W. Swift, William Howell, jr., Alonzo B. Benedict, William F. Smith and Humphrey Williams, jr.

At the next meeting of the trustees the following persons were appointed firemen to Engine Company No. 2, viz.:

Alexander M. Gray, Charles Spinner, James Hoffman, Peter I. Lepper, Hubbard H. Morgan, Smith Colyer, Grant Davis, Albert S. Howell, Alonzo Hall, Henry Shaw, James Dolan, Hiram Campbell, George M. Harter, Charles Smith, David Bowers, John Bowers, Samuel Earl, Harvey H. Lewis, William Weber.

Late in the same year a hook and ladder company was formed, of which the first members were:

Nathan Esterbrooks, Joseph Bowers, Kellogg Hubbard, Willard A. Gray, Alfred P. Peck, Frederick A. Helmer, William A. Caswell, Peter F. Bellinger, John Vincent, Mark Batchelder, and William B. Houghton.

There was a reorganization of the department in 1866, and \$300 were raised "for equipping the late reorganized fire department." Under the stimulus of a destructive fire in 1875, the department was again reorganized and steps taken to purchase a steam fire engine. Previous



to this time and for many years, the "Conqueror" engine and company had served the village and was the only company here. After the great fire this company was reorganized with the other changes, and it continued in active service until a few years since, when the completion of the public water works rendered it comparatively useless, and the company was disbanded.

The steamer purchased in 1876 was of the Button make and has proved in the efficient hands of the company one of the most powerful machines ever built. It is called Fort Dayton Steamer No. 2. The first officers of the company were:

Isaac Mason, foreman; Joseph Palmer, first assistant foreman; W. H. Wilson, second assistant foreman; L. A. Lawton, secretary; H. A. Marckres, treasurer; H. M. Quackenbush, engineer.

This steamer has for three years past held the state championship. The present officers of the company are as follow:

Byron D. Small, foreman; Charles P. Warburton, first assistant foreman; Jacob Ackler, second assistant foreman; Edward Small, president; Thomas H. Allen, vice-president; Albert Putnam, secretary; Albert Ertman, treasurer.

Active Hook and Ladder company (now Excelsior) was first organized July 28, 1874, with the following charter members:

W. C. Stewart, J. V. Mallery, Charles A. Paul, William W. Barse, John H. Dresher, M. M. Draper, Howard C. Harter, James A. Clark, and John D. Moore. The officers were: Charles A. Paul, foreman; John H. Dresher, first assistant; Howard C. Harter, second assistant; W. C. Stewart, secretary; John D. Moore, treasurer.

After organization the company removed to the old Conqueror (now Fort Dayton) engine-house and took charge of the old hand engine, continuing in that capacity until 1875, when they dropped the name of Active Engine Company No. 2, and took the name of Active Hose Company. In June, 1877, a hook and ladder truck was purchased and placed in their charge. The present officers of the company are:

President, William Witherstine; vice-president, William H. Whitmore; foreman, John D. Moore; first assistant foreman, George W. Nellis, jr.; second assistant foreman, John Bowman; secretary, Thomas A. Byrnes; financial secretary, Irving Lynch; treasurer, William G. Smith.

Fort Dayton Hose Company No. 2 was organized September 22, 1875, when the steamer was purchased, and was incorporated December 7, 1875. The first officers were:

Foreman, George Susholz; first assistant, E. A. Brown; second assistant, A. B. Steele; secretary, W. C. Prescott; treasurer, W. C. Stewart.

The company now consists of twenty-eight members, and has the following officers:

Thomas W. Grosvenor, foreman; W. H. Benchley, first assistant; M. A. Deimel, second assistant; Charles W. Prescott, secretary; Glen P. Munson, treasurer.

The public supply of water to the village is owned and controlled by the village authorities and consists (1892) of fifty-two driven wells, from which pure and wholesome water is pumped and supplied in pipes by the Holly system. The supply was installed in 1888, at a cost of over \$60,000. The money was raised on bonds of the village.

For a considerable period after the close of the late war Herkimer village was especially progressive. New streets were rapidly opened, sidewalks multiplied, the fire department, as before explained, was increased, and general extension and prosperity prevailed. In 1875 the village adopted the act of 1870 for the incorporation of villages, giving the authorities broader powers. The police force as at present constituted was organized in 1887, with Sylvester Wilson as chief. He was succeeded by the present official, John T. Manion. There are two uniformed patrolmen.

The receipts from the various funds for the year ending March 1, 1892, were as follows: Ordinary fund, \$8,013.73; highway fund, \$6,159.42; electric light (on hand February 18), \$1,885.11; police and fire, \$5,721.78—a total of \$21,780.04. The village has no debt, excepting the bonds for water and lights.

Following are the village officers for 1892: President, William Witherstine; trustees, J. D. Moore, Lewis Turnier, Jacob G. Bellinger, James H. Walrad, Robert Earl 2d, C. D. West. Police Justice, E. B. Mitchell. Marshal Rice, chief of fire department. Police and Fire Commissioners, Charles Bell, Dr. Cyrus Kay, W. P. Munson, C. R. Snell. C. C. Spinner is secretary, and W. I. Taber, treasurer of the Light and Water Commission.

#### THE CHURCHES OF HERKIMER.

It is not known precisely when the first church was built on the north side of the river in the limits of this county; but it was previous to 1757. The stone church on the south side was already erected, as

appears in the history of the town of German Flats. "Although at that time the inhabitants in this valley were few and could not have exceeded eight or ten hundred on both sides of the river, yet there were good reasons for having two church edifices. At times, and especially in the spring of the year, it was impossible for the people to go from one side of the river to the other, on account of the floods, and as the people were a church-going people, there was a necessity for a place of worship on both sides, so that at such times as they could not all meet at one place, they could meet in separate places for worship. And in the absence of their clergyman, some one of the congregation would read service. Dr. William Petry was often called upon to do this, and so was John Christian Shell, the hero of Shell's Bush and the Chevalier Bayard among the people. In the absence of the clergyman it is said that Dr. Petry published his own bans. He was married in 1766."<sup>1</sup> The ample evidence of the existence of the church on the north side of the river, and where the present Reformed church now stands, on Main street, exists in the following old German document (translated by the late John P. Spinner) which reads as follows:

"GERMAN FLATS, AUGUST 20, 1770.

I, on the end undersigned, testify hereby that I have given an acre of land for a High Dutch Reformed church on the stone ridge; but whereas, the church, with all its writings, in the devastation of this place by the Indians anno 1757, in an unfortunate manner has been burned away; and whereas, I have this land wherein this acre lies transferred to my son, Dietrich, and the same likewise did precede me to eternity, I John Jost Petrie, testify that the oldest son of the deceased Dietrich must give other writings as soon as the same comes to his years, and a new church, with my consent, on the same acre of land build again. Such do I attest with my own hand and seal.

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JOHN JOST X PETRIE      L. S.]

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In presence

MAURUS PETRIE.

This first church in the village was burned in 1757 and another built on the same site.<sup>2</sup> The latter was burned in 1834, and the present brick edifice erected on the site.

<sup>1</sup> Signed Barth's writings, 1896.

<sup>2</sup> The great difference between the social habits of that early period and those of the present are shown in the following account recorded by a German settler who came to the church to go to Albany and transact some business in 1797:

Important changes took place in this church during the ministry of Rev. John P. Spinner (1801-1841), owing largely to the gradual accessions to the Yankee element in the population. "The New England influence was asserting itself, and presently a style of doctrine and a form of worship were required that should be more in accord with New England, or perhaps we should say, with American ideas. To the descendants of the Puritans and to those in general who came of English stock, and who were beginning now to settle here and elsewhere throughout the county in considerable numbers, the German service and the prevailing customs and usages of the German people were not at all congenial. Besides, the English language was coming more and more into general use, so that some change in the management or at least in the mode of conducting ecclesiastical affairs, was rendered necessary by the changed condition of the church and of the community. Add to this the fact of Mr. Spinner's opposition to new men and measures and the feeling of estrangement which had sprung up to some extent from other causes, even among his old German parishioners, and the result may be easily accounted for. In 1827 the old pastor was led through stress of circumstances to abandon his pulpit for a time and maintain himself in some other way than by the ministrations of the gospel."<sup>1</sup> Mr. Spinner's absence at length attracted the attention of the classis, and he was cited before that body, where he was exonerated from blame in the matter. The resolutions of the classis were accompanied by wholesome advice to both pastor and people, and the church work was soon resumed. But strange to say it was soon afterwards resolved by the consistory that a subscription paper be cir-

1827.			
Feb'y 7-	To liquors at different places, .....	60	4 0
2	Paid John Fondav for 1 sup., 1 quart cider, 1/2 hog & 1/2 gill gin .....	1	7
9	Paid Johnson, Schenectady, 1 grog, 1 lodging, 1 supper, 1 glass bitters, 7 1/2 and stage to Albany .....	0	15 0
	To and in Albany, 1 dinner, 1 glass punch .....	0	10
	To cash paid Barber the printer .....	3	1 0
	To cash paid Myers for getting the papers from New York .....	0	8 0
	From 10th to 16th included, to sundries in liquors .....	5	11 0
	To 7 1/2 day's boarding and liquors at Crane's, in Albany, as per receipt .....	0	4 6
	To bread and cheese for on the way home, 2 l. Liquors to Schenectady .....	0	3 0
	At Alsobers, Schenectady, for liquors and lodgings .....	0	7 0
	To expenses in liquors from Schenectady to home .....		

<sup>1</sup> History of the Reformed church at Herkimer, by Rev. H. M. Cox.

culated for the support, not only of Rev. Mr. Spinner, but also of the Rev. Henry M. Snyder. (Mr. Snyder had preached in the pulpit during part of the absence of Mr. Spinner, and was not in favor with the latter.) In other words, an effort was to be made to unite the German and the English speaking elements in one congregation. This action was taken in 1830. Prior to that, however, a second Reformed church



CHURCH BURNED, 1834, BURNED JAN. 25, 1834.

had been organized, with the view of meeting the needs of that portion of the community that could not understand the German tongue. It was incorporated August 21, 1824, under the title of "The United Dutch Church of Herkimer and German Flats." This society existed until 1833, and was served during that period by Revs. Samuel Center, Isaac S. Ketchum, J. Boyd, J. Morris and J. H. Pitcher.

After the burning of the church in 1834 the congregation worshiped about a year in the village school-house, while the present building was in course of erection. The first sale of pews in the new church occurred on February 5, 1835; but the church soon found

itself in straitened circumstances, while the old controversies which had led to the organization of the second church continued to come to the surface. This led to a kind of reorganization and active efforts to relieve and preserve the church. Many members of the disbanded society

pledged their co-operation to the new movement, which included a provision for employing a second minister to preach in the English language. The result was the engagement of Rev. James Murphy, then of Manheim, who remained as colleague of Mr. Spinner from 1837 to 1842. During his pastorate, which continued alone after 1842 until 1849, the church was furnished, a bell purchased, and other improvements made. In 1838 the church officers resolved to erect a consistency house to cost \$250. This amount proving insufficient, \$400 were expended for the purpose and the building was erected.

After four years of experience with the two pastors it was seen that the expense was more than the members could bear, and steps were taken to make a change. This was opposed by Mr. Spinner. At the same time negotiations were opened for a dissolution of the relations which had so long existed between the churches at Herkimer and German Flats, which was accomplished on the 26th of April, 1841. After that date Mr. Spinner confined his attention almost wholly to the church at Fort Herkimer.

"In 1875 the interior of the church building was remodeled at an expense of about \$7,000, and we owe it mainly to the enterprise and liberality of Mr. Consaul that the money for that purpose was obtained and the work accomplished which has ever since afforded so much comfort and satisfaction to those who worship within these courts."<sup>1</sup>

The Reformed church is now in a prosperous condition, with a thriving Sunday school. Following is a list of its pastors with the dates showing their terms of service:

Rev. Abraham Rosekrants, 1765-96; Rev. D. Christian A. Pick, 1798-1800; Rev. John Peter Spinner, 1801-41; Rev. James Murphey, D. D., 1837-42 as colleague of Mr. Spinner, and 1843-49; Rev. Cornelius S. Mead, 1849-59; Rev. Hugh Brodie Gardner, 1860-64; Rev. Jeremiah Petrie, 1864-68, as stated supply; Rev. Gansevoort D. W. Consaul, 1869-77; Rev. Ralph Watson Brokaw, 1877-82; Rev. Henry Miller Cox, 1882-91; Rev. John G. Gebhard, November, 1891.

Following are the officers of the church:

Elders, Henry Churchill, Clarence L. Avery, Abram S. Brush, Edwin B. Mitchell; deacons, Clinton M. Batchelder, George Hessler, John Gettley, Charles H. Burrell, Charles B. Morris, George Henderson.

<sup>1</sup> Rev. Mr. Cox's history of the church.

*Methodist Episcopal Church* — Methodism in Herkimer dates back to 1827, when the first class was formed by Revs. John Ercanback and Calvin Hawley, who were then preaching in the Herkimer circuit. In September, 1832, a legal organization was effected by the election of Abijah Osborne (one of the first members), Warren Caswell and W. Usher, as trustees. The name was "The Methodist Episcopal Church in the Village of Herkimer." This name was changed in 1865 to "The First Methodist Episcopal Church in the Village of Herkimer." The first permanent church edifice was built in 1839, at a cost of \$1,300, and served its purpose until 1872, when a larger church became a necessity. The old house, corner of Washington and Green streets, was sold to the Catholics, and a building committee was appointed consisting of Hon. Warner Miller, chairman; Zenas Green, secretary; George P. Folts, Charles Barse, Elisha Washburne, Berthwaite Patrick, Aaron Snell, Spellman Falk, and Joseph Folts. Under their direction and through the generous liberality of the people the present beautiful brick church was erected at a cost of \$39,000. The corner-stone was laid in June, 1873, and the church was dedicated April 23, 1874. The following pastors have served the church:

John Ercanback and Calvin Hawley, 1827 and 1828; Jonathan Worthing and D. H. Kingsley, 1829; Jonathan Worthing and Earl Fuller, 1830; Henry Halstead, 1831; Allen H. Tilton and Darius Simons, 1832; J. Puffer, H. Chapin and B. Mason, 1833; H. Chapin, 1834; E. Wheeler, 1835 and 1836; E. Whipple, 1837; Charles H. Austin, 1838 and 1839; Franklin Hawkins and Stephen H. Fenton, 1840; Eleazer Whipple and A. Blackman, 1841; George C. Woodruff, 1842; David Chidester and John Thomas, 1843; John Slee and R. Lewis, 1844; John Slee, 1845; Jesse Penfield, 1846 and 1847; James E. Downing, 1848 and 1849; Elijah Smith, 1850; Ward I. Hunt, 1851; D. Barnard, 1852; J. H. Lamb, 1853 and 1854; J. Billings, 1855; C. H. Austin, 1856 and 1857; James Wells, 1858 and 1859; B. I. Diefendorf, 1860; Daniel Fulford, 1861 and 1862; S. E. Brown, 1863 and 1864; Charles Baldwin, 1865 and 1866; William Jones, 1867-69; Charles T. Moss, 1870 and 1871; W. R. Cobb, 1872 and 1873; W. F. Markham, 1874-76; S. O. Barnes, 1877 and 1878-9; W. Dempster Chase, 1880-82; Horace M. Danforth, 1882-85; Isaac S. Bingham, 1886-91; and Wm. C. Davidson, the present pastor. The church membership is nearly 500.

In connection with this may be properly mentioned the "George P. Folts Training School, for home and foreign mission work," which is to some extent an outgrowth of this church. Through a generous gift of George P. Folts this school is founded at a cost of \$45,000, and a hand-



some building erected in 1892, for the accommodation of about forty students, a matron, servants, etc., with conveniences for boarding all the inmates. The board of trustees is chosen by the Northern New York Conference, and the school is held by them in trust for the church. Tuition is free and members of any sect are admitted.

*Protestant Episcopal Church.*—On the 26th of January, 1833, a meeting was held in the school-house and articles of incorporation signed for the organization of an Episcopal church in Herkimer. Andrew A. Bartow and Frederick Bellinger were chosen wardens, and John Brown, Robert Shoemaker, Elias Root, Ira Backus, Flavel Clark, James B. Hunt, Simeon Ford and James Ferman, vestrymen. The name of "St. Luke's Church, German Flats," was adopted. A futile attempt was made to erect a church at the Flats, between the two villages, and the society finally united with others in building a union church at Mohawk, which was subsequently transferred to the Presbyterians. Services were then begun in Herkimer and a new organization was substituted for the old one. On the 23d of March, 1839, a meeting was held, articles of incorporation were signed and the following officers chosen:

Andrew A. Bartow and Matthew Myers, wardens; Charles Kathern, Erwin A. Munson, Bloomfield Usher, Theodore A. Griswold, Benjamin Harter, Homer Caswell, Anson Hall and Robert Ethridge, vestrymen.

The name adopted was "Christ's Church, Herkimer." Services were held for several years in the court-house, in the Methodist church and elsewhere. Land was secured and a beginning made to erect a church on the site of the Catholic church; but this was given up and a lot taken on the corner of Mary and Prospect streets. Here a cornerstone was laid by Bishop Onderdonk and a building partly erected; but embarrassments again stopped the work. A new organization was effected February 20, 1854, at a meeting presided over by Rev. Owen P. Thackara. Byron Laffin and Samuel Earl were chosen wardens, and Hubbard H. Morgan, William Howell, jr., Benjamin F. Brooks, Beekman Johnson, George W. Thompson, Jacob Spooner, Charles Kathern, and Elkanah T. Cleland, vestrymen. The former title was retained and ground was purchased for a building on July 10, 1854, corner of Main and German streets. A contract was made with Alexander Underwood for the building of a chapel. The building was consecrated on the 4th



of October, 1855, by Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter, bishop of the diocese of New York. During this period the parish was under charge of Rev. O. P. Thackara, a missionary for the section which embraced this locality. During the latter part of his charge he stationed Rev. I. N. Fairbanks over this parish. Mr. Thackara established a large boarding and day school, with several teachers. In October, 1857, he resigned his charge of this district and shortly afterwards Mr. Fairbanks withdrew. The Rev. Marcus N. Perry was then engaged as minister and remained until October 10, 1858. There were then only thirteen communicants. On the 29th of November, 1858, the Rev. J. M. Hedges was called to the rectorship and remained until 1861, when he was succeeded on the 17th of March by Rev. Edward Pidsley. He resigned in the latter part of 1862, and Rev. Mr. Hedges, who then lived in Herkimer, officiated once in two weeks. In September, 1864, Rev. H. G. Wood became the rector and during his term of service a school-house and a rectory were built adjoining the church. March 8, 1871, Rev. J. D. Morrison was called to the church, and was succeeded in August, 1875, by Rev. William Bogert Walker, who remained until October, 1884. The present rector, Rev. Charles C. Edwards, assumed charge of the parish January 1, 1885.

Soon after Mr. Edwards's installation a movement was started for the building of a new church. On the 1st of July, 1886, the lot on the corner of Main and Mary streets was purchased for \$5,500. Active measures for raising funds were adopted and in August, 1888, the vestry ordered the erection of the present edifice after plans by R. W. Gibson, of New York. The corner-stone was laid October 1st, 1888, and the church was consecrated November 7, 1889. The rectory is a part of the church building. This is one of the finest small churches in Central New York and cost about \$35,000, all of which has been paid. Its memorial windows are not surpassed anywhere, two of them costing about \$2,500, while the interior arrangement of the building is a model of harmony and beauty.

*St. Francis de Sales Church.*—In October, 1874, the Roman Catholic families of the town, numbering about thirty, joined in the purchase of the church building on Washington street, formerly occupied by the Methodists. It was dedicated on the 9th of June, 1875, by Rev. Francis

McNierney, bishop of Albany, and given its present name. An addition was made of forty-two feet in the rear in 1888, for the accommodation of the growing membership, which is now about 140 families. The parsonage was purchased in 1890. The founder of the church was Rev. William Howard, then of Ilion, who remained and faithfully worked for the upbuilding of his church until 1885, when he was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. J. H. Halpin. Under his effective administration the church is flourishing.

*First Baptist Church.*—While for a great many years the Baptist sect was not numerous in Herkimer, yet there were representatives in the town who attended, as a rule, the church at Mohawk. In recent years the church at that village declined, which led to the organization of a society in Herkimer. This took place on the 17th of February, 1888, the persons organizing being Dr. E. G. Kern, Alonzo Rust, William Goodall, Edgar L. Jackson, and their wives, and Mrs. Mary Robinson and her daughter Electa. The first preaching was by George B. Lawson, as a supply, while he studied at Hamilton College. Norman Burd was ordained here and preached as the first regular pastor one year. The next pastor was Charles B. Alden, who preached one year, while continuing his college studies. The present pastor, Rev. W. D. Lukens, came to the church on the 1st of January, 1892. Previous to the erection of the church the services were held in the courthouse and the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The church was erected and dedicated on the 17th of February, 1890. Its value is about \$5,000. The present deacons are A. Rust, William Goodall. Superintendent of the Sunday-school, E. G. Kern. The membership of the church is seventy-three.

*Free Methodist Church.*—This society was organized in 1881, the first pastor being Rev. George Storer. Pastors who have since supplied the church have been the Revs. L. H. Robinson, D. J. Santmyre, Mr. Carpenter, L. H. Robinson, Mr. Warren, M. S. Babcock, G. S. Coons and T. C. Givens. The church is situated on Liberty street, and was erected in 1885. The church membership is fifty-two.

*Schools of Herkimer.*—Little is known at the present time of the very early schools; but intelligent readers are familiar with the general common school system of the State in early times, and the disad-

vantages surrounding those who attempted to secure even a simple English education. The first school in the village of Herkimer is said to have been taught by a man named Robinson. In the year 1836 the meager school accommodations became insufficient, and to meet the difficulty a brick school-house was erected on Washington street on the site of the present commodious and beautiful Union school building. This building served its purpose until 1878, when the present building was erected, at a cost, with its appurtenances, of \$17,500. Previous to 1865 the schools were common district schools, but in that year the union free school system came into operation. In 1878, when the new building was first occupied, a graded school was established.

Benjamin F. Miller was employed as principal, and the trustees were Zenas Green, Ward P. Munson, and Henry Churchill. Seward D. Allen was principal from January, 1880, until H. R. Jolley assumed the position in 1882. He was succeeded by Erastus Crosby in 1884, and the present principal, A. G. Miller, came in 1887.

In 1888 a new brick school building was erected in the south division, corner of Smith and South Washington streets, at a cost of about \$16,000. The first school was held there in September of that year. Two rooms are also leased in outside buildings for school purposes. The present board of trustees are, Ward P. Munson, president; William Witherstine, and E. B. Mitchell. Following are the names of the teachers for 1892:

High School, A. G. Miller, principal; Jean Du Bois, first assistant; Jessie A. Beach, second assistant. Grammar School, Margaret Lynch, Finette Bigelow. Intermediate Schools—North Division, Alice Baldwin, Clorinda Otis; South Division, Madge Tuger. Primary Schools—North Division, Nellie Enos, Mary E. Lynch, Nellie S. Kent; South Division, Madge Burns, Emma Lansing, Lina O. Holmes. Sadie Littlejohn and Frances Wilson are also primary teachers employed by the board.

#### MANUFACTURES.

We have already alluded to some of the early mills, asheries, etc., of Herkimer. Besides the usual shops of the blacksmith, the wagonmaker, the shoemaker, and the tinner, who were for many years to be found in most hamlets, there was very little manufacturing in the county for a long time after its settlement, if we exclude the saw-mills and grist-

mills. The West Canada Creek supplies excellent water power at Herkimer village, and its current was utilized for mills at a comparatively early day. Soon after the War of 1812 a man named Price built a mill within the corporation limits, which was used exclusively for flouring purposes. It was afterwards burned and rebuilt, and for a time was operated by a Mr Van Horne. In the year 1811 a grist-mill with three runs of stone was built on the West Canada Creek about where the Central Railroad crosses it by Windsor Maynard and Simeon Ford; connected with the mill was a distillery and saw-mill. This mill subsequently passed to the possession of the Manhattan Company of New York, on a mortgage, and that company sold it to the Hydraulic and Manufacturing Co. It was subsequently abandoned, and in 1836, after the hydraulic canal was built, the mill now operated by E. Washburne and G. M. Helmer was erected by F. P. Bellinger. Mr. Washburne purchased this mill in 1866 and has continued to operate it ever since. It is used now principally for grinding corn.

A spirit of manufacturing enterprise was developed in Herkimer in 1833, which culminated in the organization of the Herkimer Manufacturing and Hydraulic Company, and its incorporation with a capital of \$100,000. The principal object of this company was the construction of a dam across the West Canada Creek for the production of available water power; they intended also to manufacture cotton and woolen goods, machinery, sell surplus power, etc. About \$40,000 was expended in this undertaking, and nearly the whole volume of the creek turned into a side canal at a point about two miles up the stream, thus gaining a head of thirty-seven feet of water. It was calculated by the engineer that this canal would produce power equivalent to what would be required to run 138 runs of fifty-four inch mill-stones. While it can scarcely be said that this project has met the expectations of its more sanguine projectors, yet it has been of great importance to the village, and within the past ten years has been still more extensively utilized in supplying power to the numerous manufacturing enterprises that have been started, to the great benefit of the community.

On the site of the paper-mill J. B. Morse once carried on the manufacture of hats; but the property was transferred to A. H. Laflin, who changed it into a paper-mill. In 1865 the property passed into the

possession of Warner Miller & Co., the company being Henry Churchill, sen., and Charles Hutchinson. The establishment afterwards (1875) became the Herkimer Paper Company, limited, with Warner Miller as president, and Henry Churchill, secretary. The original building owned by Mr. Laffin was burned in 1867, and a part of the present mill erected. In 1868 Mr. Miller bought the interest of both his associates, and on the 1st of January, 1869, took in Henry Churchill, jr., the name of the company remaining the same. Within the past five years the capacity of the mill has been quadrupled and the buildings correspondingly enlarged. The product is almost wholly newspaper, and about sixty hands are employed.

*The Mark Manufacturing Company.*—This is the largest industry in Herkimer and manufactures all kinds of knit goods. The original building on the canal near the railroad was erected as a hoop skirt factory in 1870. About two years later the manufacture of knit goods was begun on a very small scale by Mark & Elias. The business grew rapidly and in 1878 additions were made to the buildings. In 1883 Mr. Mark bought his partner's interest, paying for it a price that indicated the great value of the industry. He carried on the business alone until 1889, when a stock company was formed with Morris Mark, president; Robert Earl, vice president; A. K. Marsh, secretary. In December, 1891, Mr. Mark purchased Marsh's interest, and James G. Johnson became secretary and treasurer, Judge Earl still remaining vice president. About 300 hands are now employed in this factory, and it is a source of great benefit to the place.

On the site of the *Standard Furniture Company* was formerly the sash and blind factory of E. C. Munson. It had still earlier been a broomhandle factory and a cheese-box factory. The Standard Company began business here in 1886 for the manufacture of typewriter cabinets for the Remington people, and roller-top desks. The business has grown enormously, with the increase of sales in the typewriter works, while at the same time the desk business has been pushed with energy and success. The buildings have been greatly enlarged. The members of the company are William Horrocks, president; M. Foley, vice-president; F. T. Lathrop, treasurer. Water and steam power are used and 150 men employed, with 155 in a branch in Kentucky.

The *Gem Knitting Company* was formed and began business in 1888, using water power, by H. A. Deimel, C. R. Snell, M. A. Deimel, and J. H. Evans. The product of the factory is ladies' underwear of cotton and wool and 150 hands are employed.

The *Herkimer Manufacturing Company*, also situated on the canal, was an offshoot of the Bedell Manufacturing Company, in 1881, and was started by Deimel & Snell, George E. Bedell, and M. A. Deimel. Four years later M. A. Deimel and C. R. Snell took its control. Subsequently the interest of Mr. Bedell and H. A. Deimel was purchased by the other members of the company. Spring beds, mattresses, fancy chairs, etc., are made, and about forty hands employed.

The prominent woodworking establishments of the town are the sash, door and blind factories of Deimel & Snell, and W. D. Lyons.

In the spring of 1871 H. M. Quackenbush began the manufacture on Prospect street, in a small frame building, of toy air pistols under his own patents. The demand for his goods was prompt and large, and in the fall of that year he removed into a larger building and put in steam power. In the summer of 1874 he was forced to make another enlargement, and a building was erected on the opposite side of the street. The first articles manufactured were followed by the Eureka scroll saw and in 1876 by the improved air rifle, both of which have an enormous sale. In 1877 he erected a two-story brick building and put in a thirty-horse engine. In 1890 he built his present factory, which is one of the most complete and convenient industrial buildings to be found anywhere. Eighty men are employed and a seventy-five-horse Corliss engine supplies the power. The safety cartridge rifle and an amateur lathe have been added, among other articles, to the output. It is one of the most thriving industries in Central New York.

Charles A. Lee began making chairs under his own patents in 1889, in a small way, employing three men. His patents cover valuable improvements in reclining and platform rockers. In 1891 he removed to his present factory and now employs twenty hands. His chairs are shipped throughout the country.

*Banks.*—Herkimer has suffered from several bank failures; but they were not due to any financial stress of a general character. The county and the village being largely dependent upon agriculture as a

source of wealth, the failures incident to mercantile and manufacturing operations have not been numerous; while the communities have passed through the great periods of financial panic which caused widespread ruin in large commercial centers, almost unscathed. The first bank in Herkimer was called the Agricultural Bank, and began business in 1839, just after the panic of 1837-8, with Harvey Doolittle as president, and Gen. P. F. Bellinger cashier. In 1845 Mr. Bellinger left the bank and Benjamin Carver was made president; C. T. E. Van Horn, vice-president; Harvey Doolittle, cashier. This bank failed in 1857, through causes that need not be explained here; but some of the losses were grievous ones and resulted in prolonged litigation.

The Bellinger Bank carried on business a few years after the failure of the Agricultural. Peter F. Bellinger was president and H. Bellinger cashier. It closed its affairs in 1866. Then followed the Messinger Bank, which was one of several started by Hiram J. Messinger, then of New York; it was organized in the fall of 1867, and went down in the general crash of all of Messinger's institutions in May, 1868.

Herkimer Bank.—This institution was established many years ago as a private bank, but was organized under a charter under the State banking laws in 1885. The present executive officers (1892) are as follow:

President, William Smith; vice-president, J. W. Vrooman; cashier, W. I. Taber; and Robert Earl 2d, assistant cashier. The board of directors consists of Messrs. William Smith, H. M. Quackenbush, C. W. Palmer, Hon. Robert Earl, W. W. Mosher, E. Washburn, Morris Mark, J. W. Vrooman, E. S. W. Thomson, C. E. Snyder, E. M. Burns, L. T. Du Bois, P. B. Myers.

The following summary giving an idea of the business is taken from the statement of March 19, 1892: Capital, \$75,000; surplus, \$10,000; deposits, \$223,800 20; loans and discounts, \$250,636 86, and total resources, \$325,104.10. The management has been characterized by a conservative regard for the interest of its customers, which fact has gained for the bank a well founded faith in the financial strength and influence of its recognized vocation for usefulness.

First National Bank.—This bank was organized by H. G. Munger, Henry Churchill, P. M. Wood and others, in 1884. Among the stockholders are many of the leading business men and capitalists of this county. The capital stock is \$50,000. Henry Churchill was chosen



president of the bank upon its organization and has discharged the duties of the office to the entire satisfaction of the stockholders ever since. The same may be said of A. W. Haslehurst, who has been cashier of the bank from the beginning. The statement of the bank dated May 17, 1892, shows surplus and undivided profits of more than \$20,000, and individual deposits of \$224,211.29. The board of directors, 1892, is as follows: Henry Churchill, H. G. Munger, C. R. Snell, George P. Folts, R. H. Smith, G. H. Watson, A. W. Haslehurst. The bank was placed in its present handsome and convenient quarters on Main street in July, 1891.

*The Herkimer Press.*—The character of the press of any community is an indication of its intelligence and enterprise. The progressive village or city always gives its newspapers liberal support, and as a result, the papers are made, as a rule, worthy of such support. The first newspaper in Herkimer county was published at Herkimer village very early in the present century, and was called the *Telescope*; its proprietor was Benjamin Cory, and it supported the Federal party. Mr. Cory sold out in 1805 to David Holt and J. R. Robins, who changed the name of the paper, or started a new one under the title of the *Farmer's Monitor*, which was discontinued in 1807. Mr. Cory started another paper in the interest of the Federal party, which he published until 1810.

In January, 1810, J. H. and H. Prentiss started the *Herkimer American*, which was published by them several years, and until 1831 by other persons, William L. Stone being at one time a partner. In December, 1813, Thurlow Weed obtained employment in the office of this paper, being a "jealous Republican." (See page 33, *Life of Thurlow Weed*, Vol. 1.) Edward P. Seymour was its last publisher.

A paper called the *Bunker Hill* was commenced some time in 1810, with G. G. Phinney at its helm. Mr. Phinney also published a paper called the *The Honest American* about the year 1812. Both of these journals died before 1821.

In 1828 the *Herkimer Herald* made its appearance under direction of John Carpenter, and was devoted to the interest of General Jackson and his policy. Then followed the *Republican Farmer's Free Press*, an anti-Masonic paper, printed by David Holt and edited by B. B. Hotchkin. Its life was not much longer than its name.



The *Herkimer County Journal* was started in December, 1837, as a Whig organ. It was owned by a company, and at first was edited at Herkimer by J. C. Underwood and printed by Edward P. Seymour. About a year later O. A. Bowe took charge of the paper and published it six years. During various periods it was edited by R. U. Sherman, G. W. Smith, and A. H. Prescott. In 1849 Orlando Squires took charge of the paper and removed it to Little Falls.

In the fall of 1842, J. M. Lyon and W. B. Holmes started the *Frankfort Democrat*, at Frankfort, which was afterwards removed to Herkimer village. In 1848 Judge Earl became the sole proprietor and editor of the paper. In 1850 C. C. Witherstine acquired an interest in the establishment, and in March, 1854, became its sole proprietor. In September of the same year Jacob Hayes was associated with Mr. Witherstine, and the firm was Witherstine & Hayes until the death of the latter in 1856. In June, 1859, the paper passed from possession of Mr. Witherstine to Henry G. Crouch, who continued to publish it until 1864, Mr. Witherstine in the interim being engaged in the West. In the year last named Mr. Witherstine returned and again became the owner of the establishment. In May, 1856, the *Little Falls Gazette* was merged with the *Democrat* and the name changed to the *Herkimer Democrat and Little Falls Gazette*, until the fall of 1876, when the clumsy title was changed back as before to the *Herkimer Democrat*. In October, 1875, H. P. Witherstine was given an interest in the establishment and in 1880 the firm name was changed to H. P. Witherstine & Co., the same persons constituting the firm. January 4, 1892, C. C. Witherstine sold his interest to John M. Comings, who, with H. P. Witherstine, still publishes the paper. With the exception noted, C. C. Witherstine was connected with this journal for fifty years and is one of the oldest journalists, in point of continuous service, in Central New York. His son has developed a peculiar aptitude for the publishing business, while his partner has already acquired valuable experience in the same direction as editor of the *Penn Yan Democrat*. Under their management the *Democrat* wields a large influence among the intelligent people of this and adjoining counties.

The *Herkimer Citizen* was started September 30, 1884, by George W. Weaver and Charles S. Munger. This continued until January 1,



*C. C. Whittemore.*



1889, when A. T. Smith and F. E. Easton purchased Mr. Weaver's interest in the *Ilion Citizen* and *Herkimer Citizen*, and they, with C. S. Munger, formed the Citizen Publishing Company. The papers are both printed at Ilion, with a job printing office at Herkimer. The paper is Republican in politics and is an excellent journal. Mr. Munger had experience in the office of the *Camden Journal*, where he succeeded his father. Messrs. Easton and Smith left the county clerk's office after many years' service, to take up the publishing business. (See history of Ilion.)

The *Herkimer County Record* is a new paper started in 1888, by its present publisher, George W. Nellis, jr. The *Record* is an enterprising paper, independent in politics, and has attained a good circulation.

*Hotels.*—In the old staging days hotels in country villages, and along the turnpikes, possessed a degree of importance to traveling men that can hardly be accorded them at the present time. In these days, if every hotel in half a dozen villages on the line of a railroad were simultaneously burned, the traveler could still stay another hour in the train and reach a farther station where he would find accommodations. Such a calamity happening when the stage or the canal was the best mode of travel, would have caused great inconvenience.

One of the important houses on the old Mohawk turnpike is still remembered as the Talcott House in Herkimer, which at first was built of logs, and stood near the site of the present paper-mill. Good authority credits this with being the first public hotel in Herkimer county. When the original house became too small to accommodate the increasing number of guests, the proprietor built a more commodious structure at a point where the bridge crosses the canal below the paper-mill. When this site eventually became inconvenient, the proprietor built another house on Main street, which now constitutes the south end of the Mansion House (long known as the Popper House). The Mansion House is now kept by F. W. Eckle.

The Waverly House on Main street, now kept by H. Edick, formerly of the Edick House, near the Central Railroad station, stands on the site of an old tavern. What was long known as the Tower House, stands across from the railroad station, and received its name from J. C. Tower who long kept it. It was afterwards called the Edick House

and was bought in 1892 by John Nelson, who has greatly improved it. A short distance east of this hotel stands the Allman House, of brick, kept by Theodore Allman. Mr. Allman built this house in 1875. It stands also on the site of a former hotel.

In 1891 the Palmer House was erected by C. W. Palmer. It is not only one of the handsomest structures in the village of Herkimer, but is admirably designed on modern ideas for a first-class hotel. It is kept by George A. May, and is thoroughly well managed.

*Herkimer Post-office.*—John A. Rasbach was one of the early postmasters at Herkimer, and was succeeded by Harvey Doolittle in 1840. Mr. Rasbach had the office another term and was succeeded by James A. Suiter, who served under General Taylor's administration. Mr. Suiter was succeeded by H. H. Morgan, who held the office eight years, and was succeeded in 1861 by Warren Caswell. He held the office until the appointment of F. A. Gray, who for two years preceded the present incumbent, S. W. Stimson, who assumed the office July 1, 1889.

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## CHAPTER XII.

### THE TOWN OF LITTLE FALLS.

THE town of Little Falls was set off from the towns of Herkimer, Fairfield, and German Flats in pursuance to an act of the Legislature, passed February 16, 1829. On account of its comparatively recent formation, therefore, the history of the town organization must necessarily be brief and relatively unimportant. The town embraces parts of Glen's purchase, Staley's first tract, Guy Johnson's tract, Vaughn's and Fall Hill patents, six lots in Burnetsfield, and small triangular pieces of L'Honmedieu's and Lindsay's patents. The town was surveyed by William De Wolf, of the town of Columbia, and the following described boundaries given to it: "Beginning on the middle or base line of Glen's purchase, at a point where the line between lots numbers five and six in said purchase unites with said base or middle line, and running thence south along said line to its southern termina-



Yours truly  
C. H. Palmer



tion ; thence on the same course continued to the south bounds of the town of German Flats ; thence along the south bounds of said town to the southeast corner thereof ; thence along the eastern bounds of the towns of German Flats and Herkimer to the southeast corner of the town of Fairfield ; and from thence by a straight line to the place of beginning."

In common with other portions of the Mohawk valley in Herkimer county, this town was first settled by Germans long previous to the Revolution. Mr. Benton says: "There were German inhabitants in nearly every direction around the present village [of Little Falls] before the Revolution, but only one habitable dwelling and a grist-mill within the present corporation limits." (See map.) The dwelling mentioned stood on the west side of Furnace street and near Elizabeth street, north of the old canal. It was occupied in early years by John Porteous, the Scotch pioneer. It was removed by the late William I. Skinner and converted into an ice-house. Most of these early German settlers have been sufficiently noticed in the preceding general history, and in the histories of the towns from which Little Falls was formed ; and others will be mentioned a little further on in the history of the village.

The first town meeting was held at the house of Robert Hinchman, on the site of the present Hardin & Wheeler block, on the south side of Main street, in 1829, and the following officers were elected :

George Petrie, supervisor ; Richard N. Casler, town clerk ; Gardeus Deyor, John Klock, Leonard Eaton and Richard M. Casler, assessors ; James T. Rankins, Jacob Petrie and Parley Eaton, commissioners of highways ; Thomas Smith, overseer of poor ; Calvin G. Carpenter, Solomon Petrie and Bernard I. Wager, commissioners of common schools ; Walter H. Ward, Calvin W. Smith and Jacob Guywitz, inspectors of common schools ; John McMitchell, collector ; Richard Winsor, John Phillips, John McMitchell, Daniel Dygert, Joseph Eysaman, John Eaton, Peter Van Vost, Shired Vincent and Jacob Osburn, constables ; Martin Easterbrook, Adam Petrie, Bernard I. Wager, William Sponenburg, and John I. Bellinger, poundkeepers.

The commissioners of highways appointed the following overseers of highways :

John Casler, John C. Bellinger, Jeremiah Pulver, Cornelius Skinkle, Nathan Russ, Melchert Rankins, John Christman, John I. Bellinger, Thomas Rankins, Samuel S. Boyce, Jacob Bellinger, John Bort, Robert Johns, Morgan E. Case, Charles Smith, Andrew G. Weatherwax, Benjamin P. Churchill, John Tucker, William Bucklin, Benjamin C. Weatherwax and George Harter.



These lists contain the names of many of the early families of the town.

On the 5th day of May, 1829, the following persons made application for license to keep public houses in this town, nearly or quite all of them being in the village: Thomas S. Willard, Peter Walrath, Robert Hinchman, Isaac Churchill, Leonard Eaton, and William Sponenburg. The commissioners of excise were George Petrie, C. P. Bellinger, and William Brooks.

The principal occupation of the farming community, particularly during the past fifty years, has been dairying, which finally resulted in the establishment of the celebrated market at Little Falls village, now one of the most important interior markets for the sale of dairy products in the world. As a cheese producing district Little Falls ranks among the best in the country, and the fact that this industry found its local center here was largely due to a resident of this town, the late X. A. Willard, whose writings on the subject have a national reputation. Sketches of many of the leading farmers and others of the town are given in a later department of this volume.

The surface of this town is broken upland, divided by the deep, narrow gorge of the Mohawk River. A range of hills extends north and south from the village, rocky and precipitous near the river, but less rugged on the north and south borders. The soil is a sandy and gravelly loam, is well watered, and quite well adapted to grazing.

In connection with the agricultural interests of this town, the Little Falls Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, should receive due credit. It was organized in December, 1880, with thirty-five charter members, and is now the largest grange in the county, numbering about two hundred members. Its object is the general advancement of agriculture in all its branches: the social, fraternal and educational uplifting of its members, and the uniting and harmonizing of the agricultural classes. The officers of the grange are: Philo W. Casler, master; Richard L. Rankins, overseer; Joseph Rice, lecturer; George H. Bradford, secretary.

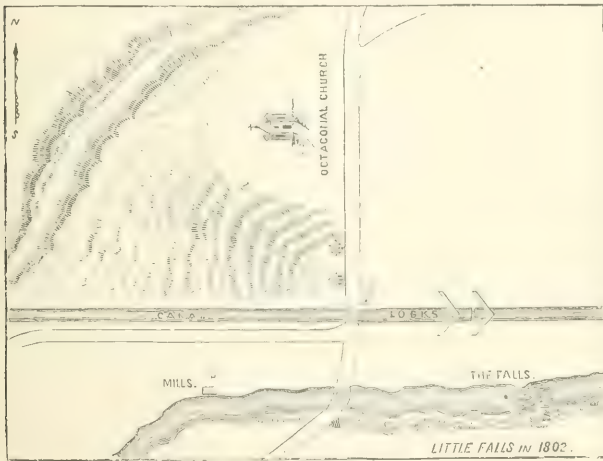
Following is the list of supervisors of Little Falls from the organization of the town to the present time:

George Petrie, 1829, '30; Solomon Petrie, 1831, '32; Peter B. Casler, 1833, '34; George H. Feeter, 1835, '36; Abraham G. Rosecrantz, 1837, '38; Jacob Petrie, 1839,

'40; William I. Skinner, 1841, '42; Charles Delong, 1843, '44; Richard N. Casler, 1845, '46; Joram Petrie, 1847; James Moyer, 1848; Harvey D. Colvin, 1849-54; Henry Thompson, 1855; Edmund G. Chapman, 1856; Sylvanus J. Waters, 1857-59; Leonard Boyer, 1860-62; Zenas C. Priest, 1863-66; George Keller, 1867-69; Peter A. Staring, 1870-72; Albert Story, 1873; John P. Sharer, 1874-81; Eugene Walrath, 1882-88; Hadley Jones, 1889; Joseph W. Baker, 1890, '91; Benton I. Cooper, 1892.

#### THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE FALLS.

The lands on the south side of the Mohawk River on the site of Little Falls village are a part of the patent granted in 1752 to Johan Joost Herckheimer (as spelled in the records) and one other person, and known



as the Fall Hill patent. The lands on the north side of the river are embraced in Burnettsfield patent granted in 1725 to Johan Joost Petrie and other Palatines, while those lands farther back in the town are covered by the patents before mentioned.

The site of the village was evidently not adapted by nature for the purpose to which it has been devoted by man, unless we consider it solely from an æsthetic standpoint. The Mohawk River breaking through

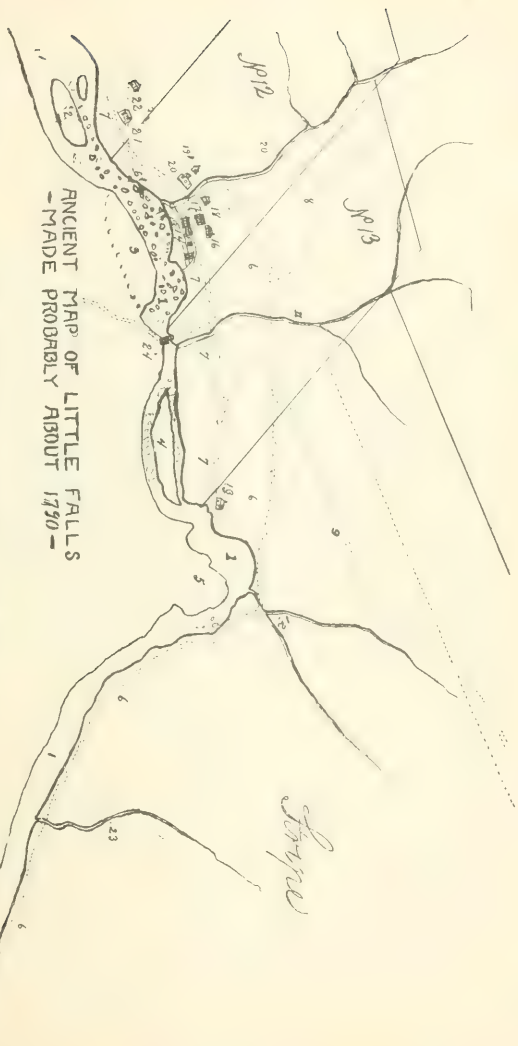
what was once a mountainous barrier of rock, has created a deep gorge with precipitous sides, at the bottom of which the clear waters of the historic stream rush and tumble over rapids, the power of which has been utilized to turn scores of wheels and which have really led to the founding of the village in such a romantic spot. As a consequence of this unfavorable natural condition, the village has been forced to expend a vast amount of money and energy in the creation of streets, bridges, and other public improvements; but these obstacles have been boldly met by the inhabitants, and through their well-directed efforts the village has grown into one of large proportions and picturesque beauty not often found.

Of the first days of the village Mr. Benton wrote as follows:

"The grist-mill destroyed during the Revolution was located on the river near the bed of the old canal, and was fed by Furnace Creek and the river. The dwelling house (mentioned below) was occupied by John Porteous, proprietor of the mill, and his assistants, and probably afterward by persons occupied at the carrying-place. The road or path used for taking boats and their cargoes by the river falls was located very nearly on the site of the old canal. The red grist-mill, to supply the place of the one destroyed, was erected in 1789, and the old yellow house west of Furnace Creek and near the north bank of the old canal, was built a short time before that period. John Porteous came to this place in 1790 and established himself in mercantile business. He occupied the yellow house, then the only dwelling within the present village limits."

The old octagon church, a description of which is given a little further on, was erected in 1796.

The destruction of the little settlement at Little Falls in June, 1782, was caused by a party of Indians and Tories, and was of the same wanton and fiendish character which marked many other similar outrages committed in the valley. The mill was of great importance, not only to the immediate vicinity, but to the garrisons at Forts Herkimer and Dayton. The enemy fell upon the mill in the night and found in the building Peter Wolleaver, Christian Edick, Frederick Getman, Marks Rasbach, Thomas Shoemaker, Lawrence Hatter, Jacob Petri, Daniel Petri (who was killed), and Peter Orendorff; Gershom Skinner and F. Cox, who were millers; and a sergeant and six men from Captain McGregor's company. Two of the soldiers escaped and five were taken prisoners. There does not seem to have been much resistance



- No. 1. Mohawk River  
 " 2. Lock Island  
 " 3. Loomis Island  
 " 4. Seeley Island  
 " 5. Moss Island  
 " 6. High water  
 " 7. Udden Island  
 " 8. Carry of Portage around the Falls

- No. 9. Road to Fairfield and Newport.  
 " 10. Furber's Creek  
 " 11. Arnold's Creek  
 " 12. Creek at Gulf Bridge  
 " 13. Drummond House  
 " 14 and 15. Mills  
 " 16. John Vreling

- No. 17. Barn  
 " 18. Apple  
 " 19. Clay House, one-story stone  
 " 20. John Portents, "Yellow  
 " 21. Robert Hinckman Barn  
 " 22. Robert Hinckman House  
 " 23. Montee Creek

- No. 24. Toll Bridge.

offered to the assault. In the few shots fired, Daniel Petri was killed. When the Indians entered the mill the occupants made their best efforts to escape. Cox and Skinner secreted themselves in the raceway, under the water wheel, and thus escaped captivity and probably death. Christian Edick and Frederick Getman jumped into the raceway, but the light from the burning mill disclosed their hiding place and they were captured.

Among the persons who settled at Little Falls between 1790 and 1810 and remained permanently were, John Porteous, William Alexander, Richard Phillips, Thomas Smith, Joel Lankton, Richard Winsor, William Carr, William Moralee, Washington Britton, Alpheus Parkhurst, John Drummond, Eben Britton, and Josiah Skinner. In this connection the accompanying map and explanation are of deep interest. The map is the property of Watts T. Loomis, and the references were furnished by him after much research.

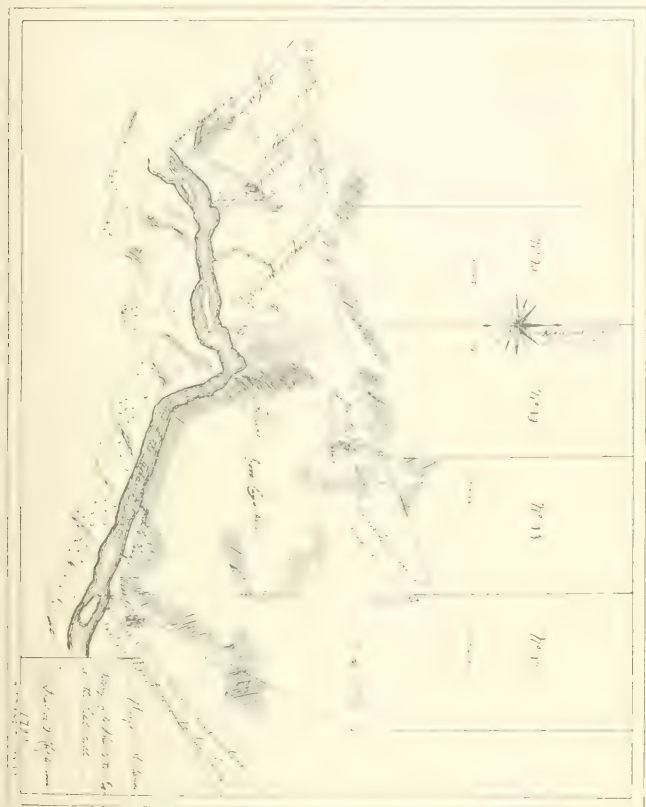
The accompanying map, left among the papers of John Porteous, the pioneer of Little Falls (now in possession of William G. Milligan), shows the lands acquired by Mr. Porteous, and other interesting features. Other documents left by him show that he came from Perth, Scotland, in 1761. He passed about ten years in the Indian trade in the vicinity of Detroit, and later was in business in New York until 1783. He then went to Nova Scotia, where he had acquired land, and in 1784 returned to Scotland. A year later he came again to New York, went again to Nova Scotia and soon after became connected with Alexander Ellice and settled at Little Falls about 1790. Here he built the red mill on the site of the first mill, and other structures, was active in the construction of the first canal and in making early roads and bridges. He was supervisor of the town of Herkimer in 1791-96 and conspicuous in all affairs of that period. He was grandfather of Mrs. William G. Milligan. Mr. Milligan placed in the hands of the late Dudley Burwell some years ago a mass of the papers of Mr. Porteous, for his investigation. In 1873 Mr. Burwell reported to Mr. Milligan what he had found of interest. He said among other things: "I think he [Mr. Porteous] was somewhat musical, as he had a violin. He seemed to have read many books and to have profited by them. From the letters addressed to him, one judges that he was very amiable. He



*William H. Higgins*



dressed genteelly, judging from his wardrobe — swore terrifically — entertained itinerant preachers, drank toddies, etc. He died the 20th of





William Alexander was a native of Schenectady and settled at Little Falls soon after Mr. Porteous, at whose instance he became a clerk, and was several years connected with him in business. He was an intelligent and honorable merchant and labored for the growth of the place. He married a daughter of Mr. Porteous, a highly educated and accomplished young lady, and died January 13, 1813. William Alexander left a daughter, Mary Porteous Alexander, who married first a Mr. Bowen, and second Robert Lockwood, of Little Falls. William's son, Henry P., was a merchant and president of the Herkimer County Bank. He was a partner of William Girvan several years, and died February 22, 1867. His son Porteous was drowned young, and William second died many years ago. His daughter, Jane G., married Jesse C. Dann; Catharine M. married Frederick Lansing, of Little Falls, who was a prominent merchant and at one period agent of the Ellice property.

Following William Alexander, came here his brothers, Robert, John and James. Robert was a farmer of the town of Fairfield, and father of Robert, William, Samuel H. and James, and had two daughters, Jane and Catharine. Descendants of this branch still live in Little Falls.

John Alexander had a son Thomas. The former was a merchant on the site of the Crandall Opera House. He died in Little Falls. James Alexander removed west and became wealthy.

William Girvan, early a prominent citizen of Little Falls, married the widow of William Alexander. He was a native of Scotland and came here as clerk for William Alexander, who was his cousin. After the death of Mr. Alexander (1813) Mr. Girvan carried on mercantile business in Little Falls for many years. His children by the widow of Mr. Alexander were Charles A., deceased; Elizabeth Ann, who became the wife of William G. Milligan and is deceased. Mr. Girvan married second Mrs. Mary Milligan, widow of William Kerr Milligan, father of William G. Milligan and they had children: Mary, living and unmarried; George Frederick, living in Little Falls; Edward, living in Lowville, N. Y.; Agnes, married Charles E. Teal, of Little Falls; and Catharine, married George Hewison, of New York.

Eben and Washington Britton were brothers and came from Westmoreland, N. H. Eben settled here in 1792, was a tanner for many years and died August 28, 1832, leaving him surviving: Mary, who

intermarried with a Mr. Hannas; Sarah, married Judge N. S. Benton; another daughter, who became the wife of Judge Elisha P. Hurlbut; Rebecca, married Harmon Ten Eyck and is living in Albany; Susan, married Henry McKay, an early merchant of Little Falls. Mr. Britton was owner of the Girvan House site, Skinner Opera House site, the Milligan & Wheeler block site and other lands, which were devised to his children. Washington Britton died many years earlier.

William Feeter (formerly Veeder) was one of a family who, with the exception of himself, followed Sir John Johnson to Canada. He was an ardent patriot in the Revolution, soon after which he settled in Little Falls, cleared a large farm and successfully cultivated it more than fifty years. He had a family of five sons and seven daughters and his descendants are still residents of the town and county. He died May 5, 1844.

Down to the year 1800 the village of Little Falls had shown little progress. Rev. Caleb Alexander made a missionary tour through the State in 1801 and here is what he wrote of this place:

November, 1801.—Monday 23d, set out from Fairfield on my journey homewards. Cold weather. Rode south seven miles to the Little Falls with a view of taking a boat at falls down the river to Schenectady. Found the river covered with ice; then rode up the river seven miles to German Flats to take the stage. Finding that the stage did not run until to-morrow I crossed the Mohawk to Herkimer Court-house, two miles. Around the Little Falls the country is hilly and very rocky near the river. On the northern bank are seven locks and a canal for the conveyance of boats. Here is a village of forty houses, several merchant stores, mechanical shops and a new meeting-house of hexagonal construction. The people are principally English and they seldom have preaching. The place abounds in vice, especially profanity. Since my arrival on the river I have heard more cursing and swearing, horrid oaths and imprecations than in ten years past. They fell chiefly from the lips of boatmen [on the river]. In some taverns were English and Dutch farmers drinking and swearing, and the English appeared to be the most abandoned. They regard not the presence of a clergyman, for the dominie drinks and swears as much as the common people.

It is proper at this point to speak of the titles to real property in Little Falls, which were for many years in a peculiar and somewhat unfortunate condition. Alexander Ellice, a Scotch merchant, who had been friendly with Sir William Johnson, obtained a patent, through the influence of the baronet, to two of the four Burnetsfield lots on the north side of the river, and to the whole of Vaughn's patent, granted to Col.

John Vaughn in 1770. The titles to the latter, according to Mr. Benton, were derived through John Porteous, before mentioned. The same authority says: "One of the two lots 12 and 13 Burnetsfield, embracing all of the water power on the north side of the river, was owned, before the Revolution by one of the Petrie family, who erected the first grist-mill on Furnace Creek and was engaged in the carrying business."

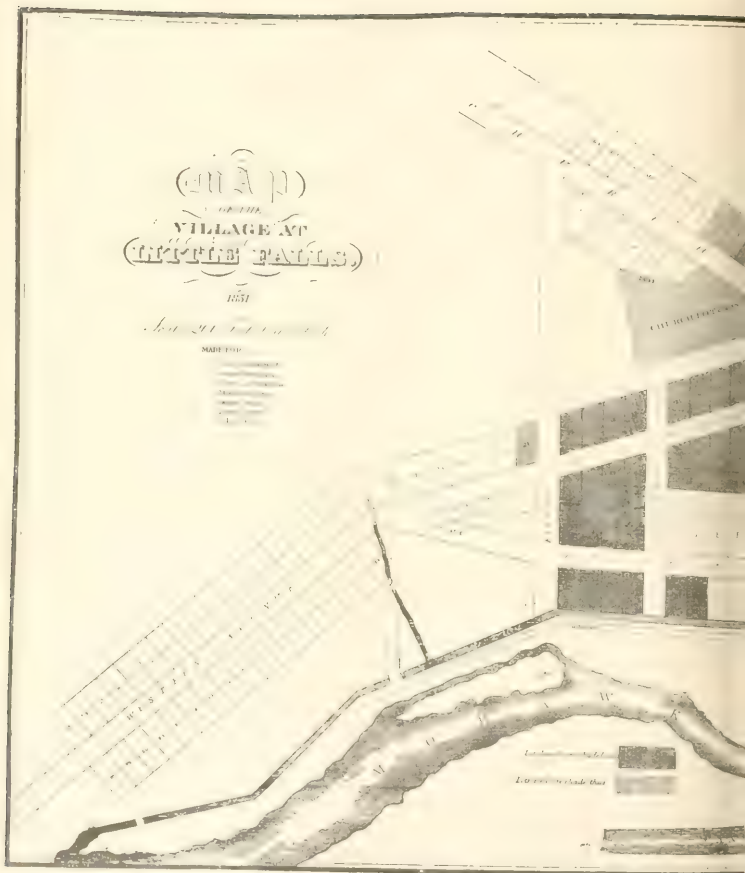
Alexander Ellice died about the year 1808 and his property descended to his children. Among them was Edward Ellice, who purchased the shares of the other heirs, and continued the owner of the property here until 1831. The policy adopted by the elder Ellice to secure a revenue was peculiarly English, was successful for his interests, and paralyzing to advancement at Little Falls. It consisted in a steadfast refusal to sell either lands or water power, and to insist on leases of the same, generally for long periods. The effect of such a policy upon an American town and American energy may be readily inferred. Men of means and brains in this country are unwilling to make improvements upon lands they do not own—absolutely—however long a lease or how low a rate of rental may be demanded. Hence, while the unrivaled water power could and did prove sufficient attraction to some enterprising men (as amply shown in the account of the early manufacturing operations a few pages further on), there still existed for many years, and until the Ellice title was extinguished, a sense of insecurity that put the place back a quarter of a century. Barent and John R. Bleeker, of Albany, were for many years the agents direct of the Ellice estate, and in Little Falls George H. Feeter acted as agent for the Bleekers for a considerable period. It was not a very enviable office, all things considered. The agent, in order to do justice by his employers, was often forced into antagonism with his fellow-citizens. Up to the year 1825 there were some seventy or eighty lots let on what were termed "durable leases" to fifteen or twenty individuals. The leases were in perpetuity and for each lot 60 x 100 feet in area, a rental of three Spanish milled dollars a year was charged. In the earliest of these leases was a clause prohibiting the establishment of stores for the sale of goods, this business being reserved as a perquisite for the benefit of Ellice's agents. The water power was also held under restriction, and would be neither sold nor let. The Ellices owned the grist-mill and saw-mill, which they

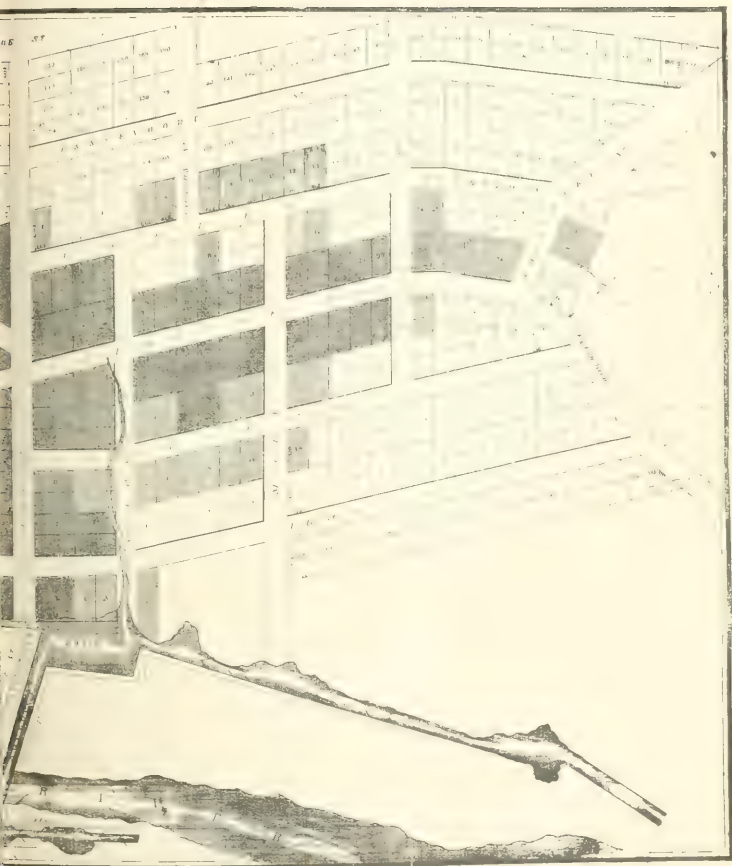


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leased for a large price, and wanted no competitors. This policy could not be otherwise than detrimental to the growth of the village. In later years, however (about 1820), a lease was granted for a site for a fulling-mill, and in 1824, another to Sprague & Dann for a paper mill, both on what is now Mill street; these manufactures and others are described a little further on. In 1825 a few dwelling sites were sold—one to Sanders Lansing, one to Nathaniel S. Benton, and one to David Petrie; and occasional lots were sold from that time onward. Most of the early lessees had several lots. The principal proprietors before the year 1825 were Eben Britton, Thomas Gould, Thomas Smith, Robert Hinchman, Samuel Smith, Solomon Lockwood, the heirs of William and John Alexander, and those of John Protheroe and William Morallee. The accompanying map shows the condition of the early village, its streets, and the lessees of many of the lots. This map is also the property of Watts T. Loomis.

The Ellice titles were almost wholly extinguished in 1831, as indicated on the accompanying map, showing leased and sold lots and the names of many of the owners. This map was made in 1831 for Peter Gansevoort, James Stevenson, Charles L. Livingston, Mordecai Myers, James Monroe, Aaron Remer, and John H. Webb. The lots printed black in the engraving indicate those that had been leased or sold by the Ellice interest. Those printed white had come into possession of the above named proprietors. Of these white lots, sales had been made at the time the map was drawn (1831) to the following persons who had bought the numbers accompanying their names:

Lots 53-54, to P. Eaton. 55, J. Petrie, 56-81-84-86-87, — Lansing. 57-82-83, B. Cahoon. 58-59, Dr. Green. 60-61-62, D. Burwell. 63-64, — Shepard. 65 to 68 inclusive and 73-76-77, C. Sharer. 74-75, Mordecai Meyers. 72, — Peak. 78-79, and 155-6-7, Ann street, Parley Eaton. 88-89, and 59 Church street, James Monroe. 90 to 93 inclusive, Solomon Petrie. 98 and 58 on Church street, Peter Gansevoort. 7 Third street, and No. 3, corner John and Fourth street, and C and D John street, C. L. Livingston. 5 Third street, E and F John street, 161 Church street, A. Loomis. 3 Third street, A. Case. 4, corner of Third and John street, — McIntosh. 153-2 Ann street, — Beardsley. 154 Ann, James Monroe; also 168-9 south side of John. 170-71 John, John H. Webb. 172, 178-9, 183-84 John, Aaron Remer. 174-5, John K. Bremner. 176-7 John, C. L. Livingston. 182, John C. Sharer. 13-17-19, north side of John, — Stevens. 21, north side of John, James Monroe. 28-29, John, H. P. Alexander. 45-47 John, and 41-42-44 and 46 Albany, D. Burwell.



48 Albany, J. H. Webb. 50 Albany, A. Remer. 17-18 Albany, north side and 105, corner of William and Albany, Peter Gansevoort. 166-7 Albany, A. Remer. 38 running through from Albany to Catherine (now Main), B. Lewis. 39 Albany, C. B. Griffin. 40 Albany, Robert Stewart. 35 Main, A. Loomis. 36 Main, John H. Webb, 9-10-29-19-20-21 and 115. — Bremner. 116 Garden, M. Myers. 122 Garden, J. H. Webb. 27 Garden, John Dygert. 13-14-15 Garden, Burwell & Alexander.

Mr Benton wrote: "The paralyzing policy of the proprietor, who was an alien, in limiting his alienations to leases in fee, requiring an annual rent, and refusing to make only a few grants of that description, to which he affixed the most stringent conditions and restrictions in the exercise of trade and the improvement of the water power, kept the place nearly stationary until 1831, excepting that part of the present village on the south side of the river, not subject to the dead weight of non-alienation. Upon the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825, the only erections in that part of the village were a bridge, and a toll-house at the south end of the bridge; the Bellinger grist-mill and a small dwelling, for the miller's residence, and the Vrooman house." As bearing upon the condition of the village just before the completion of the canal, we quote as follows from the *People's Friend*, one of the early newspapers of the village, under date of June 19, 1822:

"The interest of the thing is by no means confined to these: an unaccountable number of other boats of various forms and dimensions continue to crowd both the river and Erie Canal. On the 16th, we are told, thirty boats were together on the river at the landing place half a mile above Little Falls, while a number more lay in the canal close by."

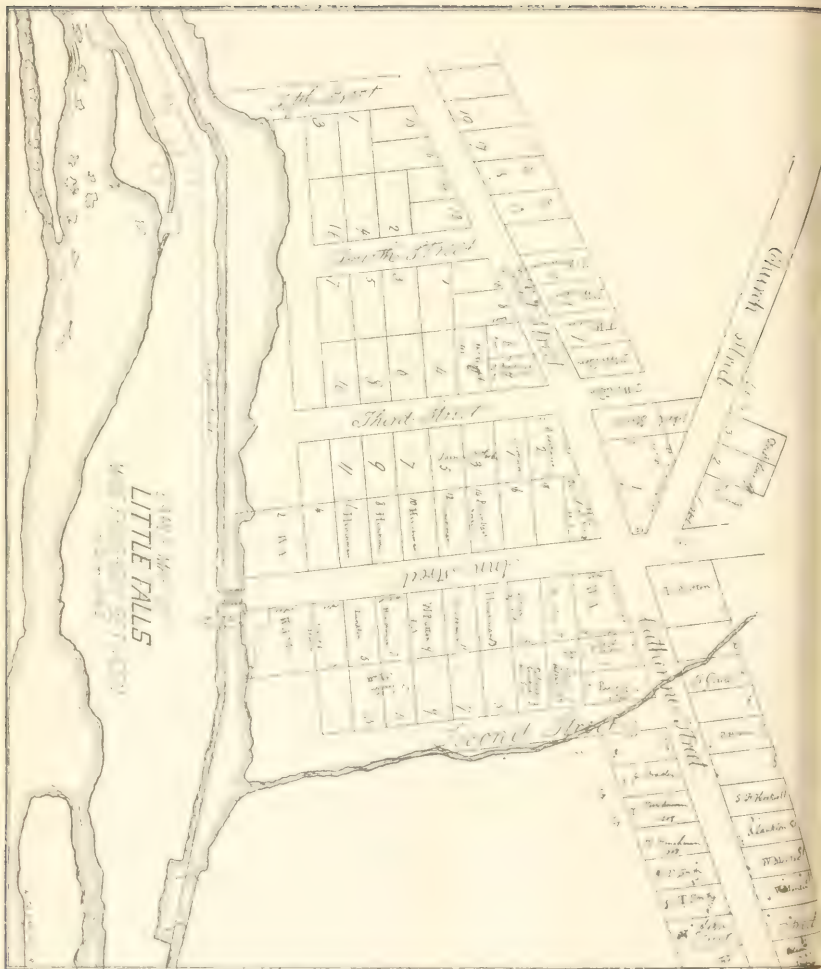
In 1831, as before noted, Edward Ellice sold out his real estate here, and within a few years it came into possession of Richard R. Ward and James Munroe, of New York, but not as joint owners. No sale of the water power in separate lots or privileges was made before Mr. Ward became the sole owner of all that portion of the original purchase of Mr. Ellice. When these were brought into market, General Bellinger, the principal owner of the water power on the south side of the river, also placed his property in market and numerous mills, factories and other industries were soon established, as shown further on. In 1830 the population of the town was 2,539, about 1,700 of which were within the village limits.

Meanwhile, in 1811, a village charter was granted; but there seem to be no records of public business under that charter, the existing records beginning with the year 1827, when a new, or amended charter was adopted. Under this the corporation was authorized to open streets which had been dedicated to public use, as laid down on a map made by the proprietor in 1811. Mr. Benton says:

The power given was exercised in the first session of the Legislature, and Second streets, at the expense of the owners of the adjoining lots. This touched the proprietor's purse, and he consented to sell in fee the lots on those streets. This, however, did not reach the water power, which was not improved, neither would the proprietors on either side of the river consent to sell lots and water rights, but the alien owner adopted the plan of making short leases, by which he anticipated a rich harvest on the falling in of the reversions. The people of the village were not slow to perceive the fatal effects of this policy, and applied to the Legislature for the passage of an act to prohibit the alien proprietor from making any grants or leases, except in fee. These were the conditions on which he was authorized to take, hold and convey lands in this State. The act passed the Senate at the session of 1831, and was sent to the Assembly for concurrence. The agents offered to sell the whole proprietary interest in the village for \$50,000, and active negotiations were set on foot by several parties to make the purchase. The bill was finally acted upon in the House, and rejected. Almost simultaneous with that rejection, the sale was effected to several members of that body and other parties, and the purchasers in a short time realized a net \$50,000 on their purchase, or very nearly that sum. Whether there was any connection between the defeat of the bill, and the sale, I never sought to know. The sale accomplished all that the village desired, because we believed the purchasers had bought with the intention of selling out, as fast as they could; but the proprietor, Mr. Ellice, had a large interest at stake; he was the owner of other considerable tracts of land, not only in this county, but in different parts of the State; it was important to him, therefore, to get rid of the restrictive provisions of the bill in respect to his other lands. His agents in this country were well satisfied that the applicants for coercive but just measures would not rest quietly under one defeat, and that his interest would be damaged in proportion to the duration of the controversy.

The new proprietors made immediate arrangements to bring the property into market, and effected large sales by auction and private sale, in the year 1831, and in the course of a few years, what remained of the original purchase, with other lands of Mr. Ellice on the north side of the river, came into the hands of Richard R. Ward and Col. James Munroe, of New York.

Going back to the little village in 1816, we learn that it then consisted of only two streets. These were the turnpike, now known as Main street, and Western avenue, which then extended on the present line no farther than to cross Furnace Creek, where it turned down east



of the yellow house, thence over the old canal, and along between the old lock canal and the river, to the head of the falls. The other road was what is now called German, Bridge, Ann and Church streets, crossing the river from the south and leading to Eatonville. (These roads can be readily followed by reference to the maps.) There were not more than forty dwellings in the village; the octagon church had not been finished; there were the stone school house,<sup>1</sup> two taverns, two blacksmith shops, five or six stores and groceries and the mills. The opening of the canal of the Western Inland Lock Navigation Company in 1795-96 gave something of an impetus to the growth of the village; but the resulting growth was not very marked, and the village remained in nearly the condition above described until about 1828.

Under the charter of 1827 the amount authorized to be raised by tax for all purposes could not exceed \$300 annually. The highway tax was left to the jurisdiction of the town authorities. The first election held under that charter for village officers resulted as follows:

President, Nathaniel S. Benton; trustees, Christopher P. Bellinger, William Girvan, Sanders Lansing, James Sanders, Gould Wilson, and John McMichael; fire wardens, Robert Stewart, Jacob Osborn, and John Phillips; treasurer, Henry P. Alexander; collector, Jeremiah Eaton.

Newspaper files, those invaluable records upon which the historian must so largely depend, are very incomplete in this town in early years. The *People's Friend*, from which we have already quoted, was in existence for a few years after 1820, but there are only a few numbers of it now accessible. In 1824 it was published by Edward M. Griffing, who doubtless found it difficult to sustain his enterprise. There are a few advertisements in the paper. Gould Wilson was a cabinetmaker. William Brooks sold groceries, hardware, paints, crockery, etc., on Catherine street, two doors west of the store of A. Fuller (now Geo. H. Failing's block). He appears to have been getting desperate, for he announced that he was "determined to discontinue this long-winded credit business," and called for 40,000 bushels of ashes. Charles Atkinson had lost his Newfoundland dog. William Talcott was the hat-

<sup>1</sup>The old school-house is still standing on the west side of Church street and used as a dwelling. The bell of the old house is now in use on the engine-house on Ann street, at rear of the Milligan & Wheeler block.

ter of the place one door west of Hinchman's Inn (W. A. Pepper & Co.), and the "Green Store" (southwest corner Third and Main streets) was kept by Burritt & Tomlinson, on First street. D. Petrie and J. Petrie had a general store (southeast corner Main and Ann streets) and Mather & Waldo were tinnerns and sold stoves. D. & E. Sprague operated the paper-mill and also carried on a store. Chauncey Marshall sold dry-goods and J. McComb had a tobacco factory (Amos Keller's block). Wendell & Jenkins were merchants and E. Hathaway & Co. carried on the Little Falls bakery, corner of Second and Garden streets. Smith & Hamilton had a drug store and Martin Bettinger was a saddler. The Union Library had been in existence, but it does not appear to have been very thriving, as the books, etc., were offered for sale at auction by David Benseley and David Petrie, treasurer and librarian. The "Aquatic Bookstore" passed through the place on the canal, a unique evidence of enterprise by some Yankee, and in December there was a call in the paper for a local bank. These notes give a glimpse of the business interests of the village at quite an early day; and we have no files to which to refer after that year until 1836, when the *Mohawk Courier* was in existence. From that paper we learn that the Utica and Schenectady Railroad was in process of construction. It will be remembered that this was the beginning of one of the various periods of financial stringency from which the country has suffered. On the 30th of June the editor wrote:

"Notwithstanding the severity of the times our village is enlivened as usual by the traffic and industry of our enterprising citizens. From recent changes in proprietorship of real estate we have reason to believe that the natural and artificial advantages of this locality will be improved, as our people have long and patiently hoped."

The editorial then alludes to the unexcelled water power, the canal, the railroad, and the market facilities of the village. On the 25th of July the paper records that "a locomotive and two beautiful carriages in train passed over the whole line of the road from Schenectady to Utica and returned the same day." The latter trip, we are informed, was made in *four hours and fourteen minutes*.

In August of this year (1836) the paper notes that the water lots and real estate on the north side of the Mohawk, bounded north by Canal street and Western avenue, and extending from the head of the falls to

the foot of the basin, were purchased in the previous week by A. Loomis of Richard R. Ward for \$50,000. A flour-mill was then in process of construction by "Mr. Durky" (Rodney Durkee), and a woolen factory was soon to be started by S. P. Fuller. These are evidences of the increasing thrift and enterprise which were beginning to develop in the village.

Before his death Hon. Arphaxed Loomis wrote the following account of how the aqueduct and basin at Little Falls came to be built :

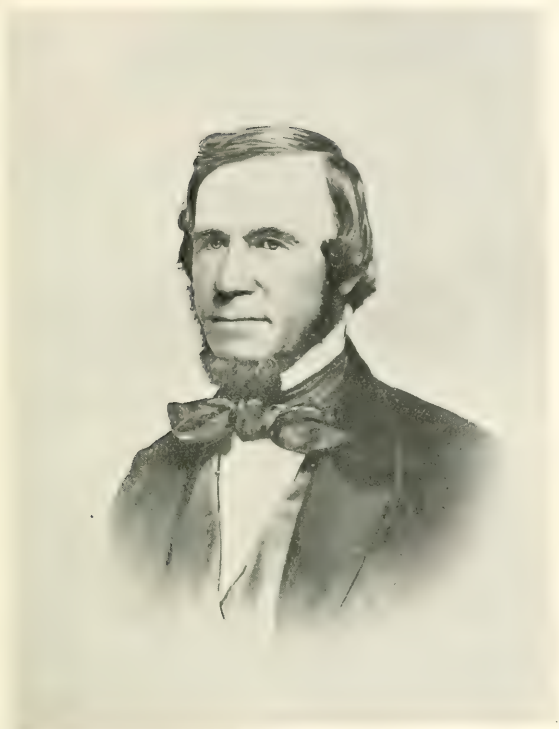
"In 1821, when the Erie canal was in progress of construction on the south side of the river, no part of the village proper existed on the south side of the river, and no streets were on that side except the road leading from the river bridge to German Flats, but it was a rocky waste covered with shrubbery. The local agent of Mr. Ellice, Mr. George H. Feeter, and the citizens of the village, were alarmed and feared that the business of the village would be seriously impaired for want of immediate connection with the canal. A feeder at Little Falls to be taken from the south side was the plan then in contemplation. The canal commissioner was requested by Mr. Feeter and other citizens to take the feeder from the old canal on the north side of the river which the State had purchased from the Inland Lock Navigation Company, and connect it by an aqueduct across the river with the Erie Canal. This project of feeding would be more expensive than that in contemplation by the canal commissioners. A negotiation was had, and finally an arrangement was made by which it was agreed between Henry Seymour, the commissioner on the part of the State, and the agents of Mr. Ellice and the citizens of the village, that the State would adopt the aqueduct plan, provided the stone requisite for the work should be furnished and delivered free of expense to the State and the work of construction should be done by the State. The Bleekers, the principal agents of Mr. Ellice at Albany, were seen, and it was agreed that the interests of the proprietor were so seriously involved that by their direction Mr. Feeter entered into a contract with Henry Heath to deliver the stone required for forty-five cents a perch. The contract was performed by Mr. Heath, and a disagreement as to the quantity and payment having arisen, a lawsuit ensued, in which the history of the whole transaction was placed in evidence, and thus the history of

the building of the aqueduct at the joint expense of the State and of the owners of the land and citizens on the north side, and of the construction of the basin on Mr. Ellice's land at his own expense, was preserved. The basin itself was the private enterprise of Mr. Ellice and the citizens. A subscription of about \$2,000 was raised by the citizens, beside a contribution of Mr. Ellice, to effect what was then deemed an improvement of great importance to the interests of the village. Since that time long ago the village has extended across the river and the canal, the aqueduct is now in the midst of it, and the storehouses and business connected with it are now its borders."

As a further indication of the growth of the place between 1824 and 1838, the following facts from advertisements are taken from the *Con-tributor*:

M. Richardson was a surgeon dentist and jeweler on Catharine street, opposite Hinchman's Hotel. William H. Grant announced that the Railroad Exchange "near the depot of the railroad is now open for company." The Herkimer County Mutual Insurance Company was in existence, with James M. Gray as agent, and William Chase advertised village lots for sale. Franklin Adams was a bookseller and book-binder (and is still vigorously prosecuting his business), and Benjamin A. Feeter had just opened a saddle, trunk and harness shop one door south of William Girvan's grocery; while Benjamin Snell carried on the same business in the shop formerly occupied by John Beardslee, corner of Catharine and Ann streets. Sylvanus J. Waters had just taken the old stand one door east of the Little Falls Hotel for the sale of groceries and liquors. The "Little Falls Cash Store" was situated at No. 1 Phœnix Row; this was the building, a part of which is now (1892) occupied by Aldridge & Co., corner of Main and Second streets, the middle part standing as it did at that time, and now occupied by L. R. Klock. James Wilcox carried on the "Cash Store." A "new wholesale stove establishment" was advertised by D. & J. Petrie & Co., the firm being David and Joram Petrie and Horace H. Johnson; the store had previously been occupied by Brown & Bradley, corner of Catharine and Ann streets. J. H. Prentiss was a jeweler, and Dr. D. Belknap was a dentist, as well as a physician. Ezekiel Morris said: "I have commenced the axe-making business at the west end of the village near the





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Mohawk furnace." T. & H. M. Burch sold stoves, and the Rockton flour-mill was run by Durkee & Eaton. Peter Boyer sold stone lime, and L. R. French had begun making the "patent screw bedstead" on the south side of the river. H. & S. Parmalee had a general store on the south side, and O. W. Couch kept the Little Falls Hotel. The Little Falls Temperance Society was in operation, and J. C. Dann, P. Staring, and R. N. Casler, who were the town committee, advertised a Republican meeting at "the house of Leigh & Dygert." A meeting was called for February 19, 1838, to "re-establish the village library." "Previous to the disastrous fire of January, 1836," said the notice, "a successful effort had been made to organize a Library Association here." The first library was burned. In September, 1839, President Van Buren visited the village and the event was properly celebrated. An address was delivered by Arphaxed Loomis, and Col. A. G. Rosecrantz was chief marshal of the parade. The assemblage gathered at the Little Falls Hotel at 8 A. M. and proceeded thence to Herkimer as an escort for the distinguished guest. The president reached Little Falls on the 12th; a hundred guns were fired, and in the parade he was escorted in a barouche and four white horses, in company with N. S. Benton, George H. Feeter, and Solomon Petrie. In the same year a correspondent wrote of the visible improvements in the place; that the population was exactly 3,000; that there were the academy, a paper-mill, one church, one furnace, one woolen factory and seven stores, which had been added during the year 1839. New streets had been opened, and there were also in operation two saw-mills, two flour-mills, one custom grist-mill, three paper-mills, one plaster-mill, one carding-mill, two furnaces, one sash and blind factory, one machine shop, one distillery, one brewery, two malt houses, two bakeries, one trip hammer, two tin shops, one tannery, and another woolen-mill, a paper-mill, and a furnace in process of construction. There were twenty mercantile establishments and one bank. A Mechanics' Association was organized in December, which continued in existence several years.

A glance at the village records for the period of which the foregoing treats, down to the year 1840, shows that public improvements had kept pace with private enterprise. As early as 1829 a committee was appointed from the trustees to locate two fire cisterns; Garden and

Manheim streets were opened, and the committee on fire department was authorized to "fix on a suitable location as nearly central as may be, pursuant to the permission of the Ellices," for the fire engine house. In 1830 Albany and William streets were improved; and also, Second, Mary, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Church streets, were further opened and improved, while suitable extensions were made to the village side-walks. In 1831 Barent and John R. Bleecker (agents of the Ellice interest) offered to file a bond for \$1,000 and to make and complete First street according to the ordinances. The offer was accepted. Fifteen dollars was fixed as the price of licenses, and R. N. Casler, James F. West, J. P. Casler, Margaret McDonald, Thompson Parkhurst, Orin Searl, Jacob Osburn, John Dygert, Elisha Bateman, Richard S. Thompson, Andrew A. Oliver, Edward Dann, Nicholas Harder, Mrs. Milligan, Franklin Barnes and James Plack, took out licenses—sixteen in all. As D. Burwell had already offered a resolution that \$60 be raised for corporation purposes, it would seem that the license fund of \$240 would have left a considerable profit. A special meeting was held in December to consider the extermination of prevailing small pox, and Drs. Lester Green, Hosea Hamilton, and Calvin W. Smith were appointed a board of health.

During the period from 1830 to 1835 extensive improvements were made in the village streets, including First (now Main), Albany, Mary, Catharine (now Main), Canal, John, Ann, Second, Mohawk and Bridge streets; and German, Jefferson, Bellinger and Mohawk, on the south side, were declared public highways. The cholera raged throughout this country in 1832-33, and attention was called to the matter in the board of trustees, by ordering thorough cleaning of premises and abatement of all nuisances; but there was very little of the disease in this village, as far as shown by the records. A census was ordered in 1832, which showed that there were 246 families in the village, with a population of 811 males and 791 females, 436 of whom were on the south side. In 1834 a fire company was organized for the south side, an engine house was built at a cost of \$192, and a hook and ladder company was attached to engine company No. 1. In 1835 Martin W. Priest and J. C. Dann were authorized by the trustees to purchase two new engines and a hose, and to dispose of the apparatus on hand. It is of interest to pre-



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serve the names of the early fire companies about this period on both sides of the river, for it will be seen that many of the leading citizens were members. They were as follow :

Fire company of May, 1830: Amos Parkhurst, James Sanders, Robert Stewart, Andrew Oliver, Elijah Case, jr., William Talcott, Charles Ellis, James Smith, Charles Smith, Moses Drake, Washington Van Driesen, Thompson Parkhurst, Gordon Stevenson, Samuel Alexander, Richard S. Thompson, Horace Johnson, Henry Meloy, Josiah Lockwood, John Beardslee, Henry P. Alexander, Jesse Styles, Truman Fox, Harman G. Ten Eyck, Orange Angell, John Phillips.

Fire company on South side in 1834: Henry Thompson, William I. Skinner, John J. Taylor, Amon J. French, Henry Hastings, Martin W. Priest, William Page, Samuel Miller, Martin L. Easterbrooks, Charles Ellis, Henry Secknor, Barney H. Ellis, Leander Britton, J. S. Hayes, Simon Marcomb, H. H. Petrie, Eli Holden, David Labau, S. W. Shepard, Wm. Walradt, Robert Casler, Henry C. Loucks, Joseph Lee, Gaylord Heath.

Hook and ladder company, 1834: Ezra C. Southworth, James O. De Grush, Samuel P. Fuller, Ferdinand P. St. John, Charles B. Eddy, Jeremiah Gurney, Charles A. Girvan, Norman Tryon.

During the period from 1840 to the breaking out of the civil war advancement in the village was rapid and of a permanent character. The grievous lease system had been wiped out and a greater degree of confidence was felt by investors and tradesmen. New streets were opened and many new industries established. The village ran in debt, of course; that seems to be the natural result in all corporations of a municipal character. By 1847 the debt had reached about \$6,000 and a charter amendment meeting was called at the stone school-house for April 12, to consider means for the extinguishment of the indebtedness. The result was the raising of the amount of annual tax in 1850 to \$800, \$500 of which was to be applied annually to debt-paying purposes. While this action sufficed for that time, it did not prevent the after accumulation of another burden of a similar character.

On the 9th of June, 1848, a special election was held to vote on the question of raising and appropriating \$950 to pay for piping water from the cistern in the public square to near the intersection of Catharine (now Main) and Ann streets for fire extinguishing purposes; the measure was carried. In the following year (1849), the inhabitants were affected by the prevailing cholera scare, but the village and its vicinity were not destined to suffer severe affliction from that disease. In 1851 \$300 were appropriated for improvement of the fire engine

houses, and a like sum for an addition to the cemetery. In 1852 a watch-house was ordered built on the north side of Main street, about opposite Fifth street. The committee were Asa Wilcox, Joseph K. Chapman, and Thomas Dale. It was built by the late Col. Leonard Boyer for \$186, and the materials of the old watch-house. Gas was introduced in the village in 1853 and A. G. Story was given the exclusive privilege of laying pipes in the streets for that purpose. In the same year \$1,000 were raised for improvement of the fire department. By this time the general village fund had reached nearly \$3,000 annually, and it stood near that for a number of years. The charter was again amended in 1857, making the trustees the assessors and commissioners of highways, fixing compensation of the clerk and street commissioner, etc.

Among the prominent residents of Little Falls, many of whose names have been mentioned, it is proper at the first to give a brief account of the careers of Zenas C. Priest, Harry Burrell, and William I. Skinner.

Gen. Zenas C. Priest was born in the town of Fairfield, April 18, 1806. When seventeen years of age he began business on his own account, remaining in his native town until 1824, when he removed to the village of Little Falls and became a clerk, and acted as such until he acquired an independent business as owner and manager of several bakeries in the valley. In 1835 he was deputy sheriff, and in that and the following year aided in acquiring the right of way in this vicinity for the Utica and Syracuse Railway Company, and in July, 1836, he became one of its three conductors, acting also as trackmaster between Little Falls and Utica part of the time. From 1840 to 1847 he had charge of the western department of the road, and upon the consolidation of the several roads into the New York Central in 1853, he was made superintendent of the Syracuse and Utica division; in 1867 his division was extended to Albany. Thereafter his division included the Troy and Athens branch. He enjoyed the confidence of President Erastus Corning, Commodore Vanderbilt, President William H. Vanderbilt and his son, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and other executive officers of the road down to and including Hon. Chauncey M. Depew. Commodore Vanderbilt and his son and grandson so highly appreciated the



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general's services that they contributed \$500 every six months extra compensation in each year down to and including the year of his death; the last \$500 being handed over to the executors of the general's estate, in token of their appreciation of his faithful, earnest and effectual services to the road. In 1835 he was appointed major in a Herkimer county militia regiment, and in 1860 he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general. When the war broke out he became a very energetic war Democrat, and by voice and purse and numerous efforts aided the Union cause like the consistent patriot that he was during the whole struggle. He was for many years vice-president of the National Herkimer County Bank, and subsequently became its president, which office he held at the time of his death, which occurred December 4, 1887, when in his eighty-first year, having been ill only a week. Having been in the service of the railroad for more than fifty years, he was familiar with all its needs, and was distinguished by being pre-eminently a good railroad man. He was a kind, liberal man, using his best judgment to protect the interests of the employees of the road. He was at one time president of the village, and several years represented his town in the board of supervisors; was a presidential elector, and well deserved and received the confidence of the community in which he was so long an active and valuable citizen. For many years he was a conspicuous Mason, Knight Templar, and his funeral was conducted by that order and attended by President Depew, the directors and superintendents of the New York Central Railroad, and a large concourse of people, the services being conducted in the Baptist church, to which he was many years attached and to which he was a very liberal contributor.

The late Harry Burrell was so long and so conspicuously connected with the farming and dairy interests of the county, that a proper deference to those industries demands a record of his life and business career. He was born in Sheffield, Mass., November 28, 1797, and was a son of Jonathan and Lucinda Burrell. His parents moved into the town of Salisbury in the year 1804. Upon the death of his father he succeeded to the possession of the old homestead known as the Hackley farm. About that period the business of dairying began to attract the attention of the farmers of Herkimer county, and when he was about twenty years of age, at the solicitation of his neighbors,

he took charge of their dairy products, which were drawn to Albany on wagons and thence transported to New York in sloops. He early commenced the purchase of cheese and other dairy products for the New York market, and soon after engaging in that enterprise became the largest buyer in the country. As his business increased he established a house in New York city under the firm name of H. Burrell & Co. His son, Seymour Burrell, was at one time connected with him, and subsequently his son, David H., became a purchaser for the house. At the suggestion of Erastus Corning and others he commenced the business of exporting cheese, having formed reliable connections with foreign houses, and he was probably the first shipper of dairy products from this country to foreign markets; he continued a buyer on a large scale and shipper until near the close of his life. Mr. Burrell acquired a high reputation for integrity and sagacity and met with exceptional success. At the time of his death he was the owner of several farms in Salisbury and other towns, which passed by virtue of his will to his children, who still continue to own the same. In 1854 he removed to Little Falls where he built a handsome residence at the corner of William and Main streets, which he occupied until the time of his death, and the same now remains in the possession of his widow, and son Edward J. Burrell. His sons, David H. Burrell and Edward J. Burrell, acquired from him a knowledge of the business of handling dairy products, which to a greater or less extent they have continued to carry forward until this time; Edward J. Burrell giving especial attention to that branch of the numerous kinds of business carried on by the firm of D. H. Burrell & Co. Harry Burrell was a member of the Presbyterian Church from the early years of his life until the time of his death, and contributed largely to its success in Salisbury and Little Falls; he was for many years president of its board of trustees, and was several years a trustee of the Little Falls Academy. He died at Little Falls March 5, 1879.

William I. Skinner was born in the town of Little Falls on the 24th of October, 1812, and was the son of Josiah H. Skinner, who came from the State of Connecticut some years prior thereto. Mr. Skinner was elected sheriff of the county in 1848, having prior thereto served several times as a deputy. In 1859 he was elected canal commissioner

and served until 1866, acquitting himself creditably in the office, as he had practical knowledge of the affairs of the canal, had many years been a contractor, and was able to deal with many of the practical questions arising in respect to the canals which came under the review of the canal commissioners. He was president of the village, on several occasions was elected one of its trustees, and at one time chief of the fire department. He was a member of the memorable committee of twelve citizens who investigated the facts relating to and recommended the construction of the present system of water works. He was by an act of the Legislature named as one of the Board of Water Commissioners, was elected president of the board, and his practical judgment and industrious attention to the affairs of the system were valuable in securing the proper construction of the works. In 1869 he erected the Skinner Opera House at the corner of Main and Second streets. At the time of his death he was a director of the National Herkimer County Bank. In all the relations of life he exhibited strong common sense and good practical judgment; he formed correct opinions of men and measures, and during his seventy-nine years residence in Little Falls contributed largely to its prosperity. He died February 13, 1891, leaving three sons and two daughters surviving him.

Turning again to the newspapers of the period from 1840 to the war we learn of other events and changes which deserve mention. The winter of 1842 witnessed a great temperance agitation in this section and fifteen hundred signed the pledge in Little Falls. Early in February of this year (1842) occurred a very destructive freshet which on the first day swept away a dwelling below the "Railroad Hotel," and on the following day carried off the new paper-mill of A. Loomis, and the saw-mill, axe factory, grist-mill and flouring-mill were greatly damaged. On the south side the barn of S. W. Shepard was carried away and the stalls for hogs at the distillery were inundated. Colonel Leigh's mills and the iron works of Shepard, Babbitt & Co. were badly damaged. William Paige's large paper-mill was wrecked in the lower story. The damage amounted to about \$8,000; and in June of the same year this disaster was followed by another of similar nature in which the creek through the village caused damage to the amount of \$15,000. These losses caused much depression among the inhabitants.

In 1845 we again find the editor expressing congratulations as follows: "The constant, rapid, yet sound growth of our village must be a subject of high gratification to its citizens. Our prosperity is based upon the sure foundation of capital, labor and rational enterprise. Fancy stocks have never been in demand here." He wrote further of this being the commercial center of a very large district on both sides of the Mohawk, with great thoroughfares running east and west; its extensive water power, etc., and concluded by designating Little Falls as "The Lowell of the Empire State"—which we must admit was decidedly bright.

By the year 1850 the debt before mentioned had become a decided bugbear to many citizens, and its payment, with other charter changes was demanded. The newspaper commented freely upon the folly and burden of such a state of affairs, spoke of the former small debt incurred mainly for the fire department, and deplored the fact that the corporation credit had become depreciated to about ninety cents on the dollar. These conditions led to prompt and radical changes. An entire new charter was adopted, providing for raising \$5,300 on village bonds, increasing the annual tax to \$800 and paying off the debt at the rate of \$100 annually (as before described). The new charter was a great improvement on the former ones, and most of its important provisions are in force to-day. It being on record in numerous places, we need not quote from it here. Another important change was made, which in some respects seems at this day to have been the result of thoughtless folly, although many good citizens advocated it at the time. This was the changing of the name of the village to "Rockton." The most important reason advanced for the change was, that the village had become of sufficient importance to have a name of its own, and not longer exist under the title of the whole town. The name was changed; but much to the dissatisfaction of many of the older citizens, and in less than a year their influence was such, and the general deference to their wishes so pronounced, that the old name was restored.

In July of 1851 a terrible flood occurred which exceeded that of 1842. Buildings were inundated by the overflowing of Furnace Creek; John Miller's house and barn were swept away, with the dwelling of Joseph Boyer, and many others were damaged. The loss was about \$15,000.



*Spencer Smith*



Meanwhile, as we have intimated, the business interests of the place increased in the most satisfactory manner. Plank roads had been built in several directions from the village between 1847 and 1851, during which period almost the entire State was covered with a network of those useful, but short lived highways. While they were in use, at a time when ordinary roads were worse, if possible, than now, they gave the farming community means for getting their produce to market and were certainly instrumental in building up commercial centers like Little Falls. A list of the principal business houses in the place in 1850-51 will be of value as indicating the growth of the village. The list is made up from the advertising in the newspapers, and probably embraces most of the principal establishments :

S. N. Foote, dry goods ; H. M. Heath, furnace and plows ; Mrs. S. A. Fox, and Miss A. J. Swift, milliners ; Jones & Hinds, agents for rubber goods ; J. C. Kellogg, dentist ; Herkimer County Insurance Company ; Reddy & Cunningham, furnace ; Gordon Stevenson, cabinet maker ; B. W. Franklin, dentist ; Henry W. Fox, tailor and ready-made clothing ; C. P. Hunt, Little Falls drug store ; A. W. Golden, cabinet maker in the green store ; Harris & Houghton, sash and blind factory ; F. Adams, bookseller ; Usher & Caswell, flour, etc. ; Cook & Petrie, hatters ; Pratt & Company, boots and shoes ; Jones & Hine, tailors ; T. Burch & Company, stoves and general merchants ; William Taylor, clothing and tailor ; J. C. Clarke, meat market ; J. W. Helmer, crockery, etc. ; John St. John, tailor ; G. B. Young, furniture ; W. H. Cressy, stoves and hardware ; Ford & Waterman, John H. Wooster, Nolton & Lake, Loomis & Griswold, and William Brooks, lawyers.

In 1852 the editor of the local paper said : " There are few villages in the country whose streets exhibit a busier or more cheering aspect than this," and followed with encouraging comments on the schools of the place, its churches, etc. The fact is, the village enjoyed a good degree of growth and general prosperity between 1855 and the breaking out of the war ; streets were opened and improved ; miles of sidewalks were laid ; parks were improved ; the academy, incorporated in 1844, was in full and successful operation ; and all municipal affairs were prosperous. In 1860 a local paper said that in no time in a number of years had there been so much building, repairing and general activity.



All this was, of course, changed by the opening of the great struggle for the preservation of the Union. This event paralyzed action in regard to public improvements throughout the country and turned universal attention to war and its hundreds of related activities. The chief occurrences in connection with the war, as far as this county is concerned, are sufficiently noted in the earlier pages of general history. It is sufficient for the present purpose to say that Little Falls was the center of military activity for the county during the momentous contest, and that her leading citizens gave freely of their time and means and energy for the success of the struggle.

The major portion of the history of the village since the war is embodied in the immediately following pages devoted to the various institutions and industries of the place; and it only remains to sketch briefly the more important acts of the village authorities. Business activity was renewed at the close of the rebellion; money was plenty and the guarantees of peace inspired all men with hopefulness for the future. A somewhat disastrous fire occurred in July, 1866, burning the Hinchman House and the stores of seven merchants, and other buildings; the loss was about \$45,000. On the following Sunday what was known as the Valley House was burned. These fires led to an early reconstruction and improvement of the fire department. The general fund of the village had now reached about \$5,000, and the population of the town was nearly 6,000. In February, 1871, a movement was made to organize the State Dairymen's Association and Board of Trade; the organization was effected on the 27th; Judge George A. Hardin presided at and addressed the meeting held for the purpose. A steam fire engine had been recently purchased, and in August a meeting was held and measures adopted for the purchase of a second one, which was accomplished. The Union Free School system was adopted in the fall of this year (1873), and street improvements were numerous about this period. In 1881 the fire alarm was introduced, and in the following year a beginning was made upon the present complete sewer system. At the same time the stone crusher was purchased, to be followed in 1892 by one of the first-class steam road rollers, and under the present policy the streets are being rapidly and effectively improved. The village debt at the present time is about \$330,000, and the annual general tax reaches

the sum of about \$40,000. To the progressive citizens of the village these figures are not at all appalling, for they realize that owing to its peculiar physical situation, Little Falls improvements are necessarily costly. They also realize that in order to keep in the front rank in the march of human progress, money as well as energy must be expended.

Following are the trustees of the village from the year 1828 to the present time :

1828, Sanders Lansing, James Sanders, John McMichael.

1829, Thomas Smith, A. Loomis, Gould Wilson, Moses Drake, N. S. Benton, Alanson Ingham.

1830, Thomas Smith, N. S. Benton, Gould Wilson, A. Loomis, John McKenster, Richard N. Casler.

1831, N. S. Benton, Moses Drake, William I. Pardee, Wm. Brooks, Lester Green, Hosea Ham'ltan.

1832, Parley Eaton, Jesse C. Dann, Elisha P. Hurlbut, Daniel McIntosh, Wm. J. Pardee, Christopher Smith.

1833, Christopher P. Bellinger, E. P. Hurlbut, Parley Eaton, Henry Heath, Joram Petrie, George Petrie.

1834, Gould Wilson, C. P. Bellinger, Martin W. Priest, Thomas Burch, John Bartow, John Beardslee.

1835, M. W. Priest, Jesse C. Dann, Thomas Burch, John Beardslee, Parley Eaton, Richard N. Casler.

1836, M. W. Priest, J. C. Dann, Albert G. Story, James T. Smith, Flavius J. Littlejohn, Robert Casler.

1837, M. W. Priest, James T. Smith, Christopher Smith, Henry Heath, Frederick Lansing, Jarvis N. Lake.

1838, Jarvis N. Lake, James T. Smith, Noah Stark, George B. Young, James N. Baker, Nicholas Moyer.

1839, M. W. Priest, James N. Baker, Horace M. Burch, Lauren Ford, Frederick Lansing, Amos A. Beardslee.

1840, R. N. Casler, W. Van Driesen, George H. Feeter, Nelson Rust, Henry W. Fox, James N. Baker.

1841, Hiram Nolton, Nelson Rust, George G. Hall, Frederick Lansing, Moses Drake, Henry Heath.

1842, Henry Heath, M. W. Priest, George B. Young, James Sanders, George Heath, William Paige.

1843, M. W. Priest, R. N. Casler, Zenas A. Hall, William I. Skinner, Edmund G. Chapin, James T. Smith.

1844, William Usher, William Ingham, J. N. Baker, Peter P. Bellinger, James Feeter, H. Nolton.

1845, John Beardslee, William Brooks, jr., Rodney Durkee, Wm. Ingham, William Page, jr., Peter P. E. Bellinger.

1846, William P. Hall, Joseph Boyer, Wm. Brooks, jr., James N. Baker, Michael Reddy, Henry Thompson.

1847, R. N. Casler, Seth M. Richmond, Nelson Rust, Henry Link, Wm. B. Houghton, Henry W. Fox.

1848, Seth M. Richmond, A. G. Rosecrantz, J. N. Lake, Henry Thompson, Robert Stewart, Nelson Rust.

1849, A. G. Rosecrantz, Samuel S. Whitman, Michael Moyer, Delos Lake, G. S. Young, Wm. B. Houghton.

1850, Re-incorporation of the village under name of Rockton: President, George H. Feeter; trustees, Morris E. Fuller, Peter B. Gildersleeve, Henry Link, Leonard Boyer, A. G. Rosecrantz, Alvan Richmond, John Bielby, Henry M. Heath.

1851, Joram Petrie, J. N. Lake, Philo Reed, John Feeter, Michael Boothroyd, Michael Reddy, James N. Baker, Thomas Dale.

1852, Asa Wilcox, J. C. Cunningham, Lorenzo D. Waite, Shadrach Sherman, Wm. Fowler, Levi Casler, Joseph K. Chapman, Thomas Dale.

1853, Henry Link, Thomas Scott, Aaron Carver, H. Thompson, Henry Heath, Benjamin R. Jones, Robert H. McChesney, Leonard Boyer.

1854, W. B. Houghton, J. N. Barber, Joseph H. Hinds, S. M. Richmond, Nicholas Moyer, A. Rathbun, Samuel F. Bennett, Thaddeus R. Brooks.

1855, George Heath, John Satterly, Henry Burwell, Eben B. Waite, Ezekiel Heath, Wm. M. Dorr, J. W. Helmer, Alvan Richmond.

1856, George H. Carver, Elijah Wilds, B. R. Jones, Enoch R. Nelson, Shadrach Sherman (to fill vacancy). From this date only four trustees were elected annually, four of the former board holding over.

1857, Wells Sponable, George Heath, John Satterly, John W. Bellinger.

1858, James Bellinger, jr., George H. Feeter, Mason S. Van Slyke, Harry Burrell.

1859, George Ashley, John W. Bellinger, J. N. Baker, Gideon Tillinghast.

1860, Henry T. Holmes, Sylvester Levee, Wm. S. Tucker, S. T. Smith.

1861, Robert Casler, Philander G. Potter, J. N. Casler, James Boyer.

1862, Wm. M. Briggs, Thomas Dale, Warren C. Southworth, Nicholas Moyer.

1863, Sylvester Levee, Philander G. Potter, C. B. Leigh, Darwin B. Chase.

1864, Thomas Dale, Thomas W. Dundas, Peter A. Conyne, Wm. Briggs.

1865, Henry Root, George F. Angel, Sylvester Levee, R. D. Casler.

1866, Thomas Dale, John W. Bellinger, Wm. H. Weeks, Nathan Easterbrook.

1867, Henry M. P. Uhlee, P. G. Potter, Charles Benedict, T. A. Burnham.

1868, Levi Bellinger, Esick Buchanan, Amos Rankin, Patrick Nolan.

1869, Wm. M. Briggs, Henry M. P. Uhlee, Robert Casler, jr., Rollin H. Smith.

1870, Frederick H. Phillips, Wm. Nelson, Timothy Comboy, Jonah May.

1871, Wm. M. Briggs, S. B. Casler, James W. Cronkhite, Wm. Clark.

1872, Albert Story, Thomas Dale, C. B. Leigh, James T. Smith.

1873, Peter A. Conyne, John P. Harvey, John A. Woolever, Charles Benedict,

1874, Victor Adams, I. B. Richmond, Amos Keller, Thomas Sheridan.

1875, Daniel W. Ladue, Peter A. Staring, Wm. M. Briggs, Charles W. Nellis.

1876, Alonzo O. Casler, Edward S. Middlebrook, Andrew Foley, Jacob Stacy.

1877, John F. Leahy, D. W. Ladue, James Wiswell, Amos Rankins.



Albert Stang



- 1878, Irving E. Waters, Henry Link, George Keller, Thomas Sheridan.  
 1879, Amos Rankins, Silas W. Boyer, D. W. Ladue, John McCauley.  
 1880, Joseph W. Baker, Henry E. Piper, Richard Levee, Jacob Stacy.  
 1881, John Canaman, James McDonald, John Chester, R. Walrath.  
 1882, Victor Adams, Albert Story, John L. Palmer, W. R. Chapple.  
 1883, Irving E. Waters, Amos Keller, Peter E. Rankins, John C. Leahy.  
 1884, Chas. J. Palmer, W. Shall, W. R. Chapple, Charles Bailey, Asa Bowen.  
 1885, Charles Benedict, D. J. Mesick, Peter A. Staring, Lyman Timmerman.  
 1886, Thomas Bailey, N. G. Lower, Thomas McDermott, L. R. Klock.  
 1887, Emory J. Diefendorf, Warner Edick, Fred M. Kenyon, L. Timmerman.  
 1888, Thomas McDermott, Fred H. Gowen, John H. Kane, George H. Goetchius.  
 1889, Charles N. Le Bart, David F. Broughton, Frank W. Smith, Halsey W. Warren.  
 1890, H. G. Babcock, N. O. Casler, John H. Kane, Hiram Sharp.  
 1891, Richard Levee, J. S. Newell, Halsey W. Warren, Herbert B. Clemons.  
 1892, William Dale, Squire Bailey, Kenyon A. Bushnell, Sylvanus J. Waters, jr.

Following is a list of the presidents of the village of Little Falls from 1828 to the present time :

N. S. Benton, 1828; John Dygert, 1829-30; Arphaxed Loomis, 1831, 1833-36; Henry P. Alexander, 1834-35; Jesse C. Dann, 1831; Martin W. Priest, 1838-41, 1844, 1847, 1862-66, 1872-73; Robert Stewart, 1842; George B. Young, 1843; Frederick Lansing, 1845-46; Richard N. Casler (appointed to fill vacancy), 1847; Hiram Nolton, 1848; George H. Feeter, 1849-50; Nelson Rust, 1851; William Brooks, jr., 1852; Zenas C. Priest, 1853; Henry Link (appointed to fill vacancy), 1854; Jarvis N. Lake, 1854; James N. Barber (appointed to fill vacancy), 1854-56; Thomas Burch, 1855; J. W. Helmer (appointed to fill vacancy), 1855; James Feeter, 1857; Seth M. Richmond, 1858-61; Mount M. Abel, 1867; John P. Sharer, 1868-71; W. A. Stafford, 1874; Watts T. Loomis (appointed to fill vacancy), 1874; S. Stewart Lansing, 1875-76; Jonah May, 1877; Isaac B. Richmond, 1878-79; Henry Link, 1880; Isaac B. Richmond, 1881, 1883; Kendrick E. Morgan, 1882; J. J. Gilbert, 1884-85; Joseph W. Baker, 1886; George F. Crumby 1887; Isaac B. Richmond, 1888, 1890; Charles L. Petree, 1889; Judson J. Gilbert, 1891; 1892, Albert Story.

The officers of the village for 1892 are as follow: President, Albert Story; treasurer, Frank B. Wilcox; collector, Calvin Van Alstine; trustees, William H. Dale, Squire Bailey, Sylvanus J. Waters, jr., Kenyon A. Bushnell; clerk, Wilbur D. Newell; attorney, H. A. De Coster; street commissioner, James M. Smith; board of health, John R. Taylor, Milton Tryon, Frank W. Smith.

#### THE CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS OF LITTLE FALLS.

*The Octagon Church.*—This historic building was erected, says Mr. Benton's history, about the year 1796, and "attracted the admiring







were Abraham Neeley and wife, Daniel Talcott and wife, Mrs. Henry Bartlett and Mrs. James Kennedy. The first elders of the church, chosen May 16, 1813, were Abraham Neeley and Thomas Smith. In the early part of 1813 the church entered into ecclesiastical connection with the Presbytery of Oneida, and so remained until 1842, when it transferred its connection to the Presbytery of Albany. In the reconstruction of synods and presbyteries in 1870, after the reunion, this church was included within the bounds of the synod of Central New York by act of the General Assembly, and by act of synod was attached to the Presbytery of Utica, with which it has since been connected. The congregation originally worshiped in the old Octagon church before described, which was erected about 1796. In 1832 a brick church was erected on the corner of Ann and Albany streets (now occupied by D. H. Burrell & Co.). This building served the congregation for nearly fifty years, and was several times remodeled and enlarged. In 1879 the present beautiful and and costly stone edifice was completed. It is one of the finest church structures in Central New York and cost more than \$40,000.

The first pastor was Rev. H. N. Woodruff, who served after the church organization and Rev. H. N. Woodruff was the first superintendent, with the following teachers: Hon. N. S. Benton, Ephraim Carter, Josiah Pierson, Mrs. H. N. Woodruff, Maria Johnson, Sarah Lockwood, and Elizabeth Carpenter. The following persons have served as superintendents of the school: Rev. H. N. Woodruff, William Hammill, Hosea Hamilton, John Dygert, Rev. T. B. Jervis, Thomas Burch, William Rossiter, Jarvis N. Lake, J. S. Aldridge, D. H. Burrell, Amos King, Charles King, L. Timmerman, and E. J. Burrell.

The following have served either as pastors or stated supplies of the church:

Rev. James Joyce, 1812-1813; Rev. Hezekiah N. Woodruff, 1813-1822; Rev. Stephen W. Burritt, 1822-1827; Rev. Jacob Helffenstein, 1827-1828; Rev. David M. Smith, 1828-1829; Rev. J. Barton, 1830-1831; Rev. J. H. Martyn, 1831-1832; Rev. James F. Warren, 1832-1833; Rev. James I. Ostrom, 1833-1835; Rev. Arthur Burtis, 1836-1837; Rev. L. P. Blodgett, 1837-1839; Rev. A. L. Bloodgood, 1840-1841; Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, 1841-1843; Rev. A. G. Vermilye, 1845-1849; Rev. H. W. Morris, 1850-1860; Rev. M. L. P. Hill, 1860-1868; Rev. W. B. Parmalee, 1869-1872; Rev. Walter Condit, 1873-1875; Rev. Arthur Potts, 1875-1881; Rev. F. A. M. Brown, D. D., 1882-1887; Rev. C. S. Richardson, 1888.

The elders of the church are:

J. S. Aldridge, E. D. Evans, Andrew Van Valkenburgh, D. H. Burrell. The trustees are W. G. Milligan, president; E. J. Burrell, C. L. Petree, L. Carryl, F. I. Small, J. H. Ives, A. W. Shepherd, W. T. Loomis, George G. Stebbins.

*Methodist Episcopal Church.*—Methodism in the Mohawk valley dates from a very early period, certainly previous to the beginning of the present century; and while details of the early history are extremely meager, we know that Freeborn Garretson and some of his collaborators were in Schenectady in 1789, and probably preached as far west as Utica. Starkville in this county had a class between 1790 and 1795, and Brockett's Bridge (Dolgeville) had one about 1800. Little Falls was, of course, visited by those early preachers. William Morrallee came to this country from England in 1801 and preached here, and Bishop Asbury visited Little Falls in 1807, and baptized Mrs. Phoebe Lewis, a daughter of Mr. Morrallee. A legal church organization was not, however, effected until November 19, 1832. At the meeting held for that purpose in the old stone school-house, Henry Heath presided and E. S. Edgerton was secretary. The following persons were elected the first trustees: Edmund L. Shepherd, Gilbert Robinson, George Warcup, E. S. Edgerton, and Henry Heath. Rev. Darius Simmons was then one of the circuit preachers, and eight days later he was appointed to visit Troy, Albany and New York and solicit funds with which to build a church. He probably failed in his purpose, as only \$400 were pledged and the project was abandoned until 1837. Again, after considerable effort, it was given up on account of the financial stress of that time. Finally, in 1838, through the efforts of Rev. Charles L. Dunning, a powerful preacher and a man of indomitable will and energy, a building was erected, which was dedicated September 28, 1839. Bishop Hedding preached the dedicatory sermon. The membership at that time was fifty-three. Since Mr. Dunning's pastorate the following have served the church:

Revs. C. W. Leet, Charles L. Dunning, S. Orvis, B. I. Diefendorf, O. C. Cole, C. L. Dunning, R. B. Stratton, W. L. Tisdale, M. G. Bullock, J. V. Ferguson, Aaron Adams, I. L. Hunt, Benjamin Phillips, D. Simons, D. M. Rogers, John Loveys, J. D. Adams, J. L. Humphrey, W. Jones, J. L. Humphrey, M. R. Webster, James Coote, Samuel Call, J. B. Hammond, who came in the spring of 1888.

The church membership is now about 500. The trustees are S. Newell, Titus Sheard, William Dale, C. T. Pooler, S. Cross, William





Revs. J. H. Harter, T. J. Whitcomb, engaged in September, 1851; J. H. Hobbs, September, 1853; George W. Skinner, November, 1854; B. B. Halleck, June, 1857; J. R. Sage, May, 1859; O. Cone, 1863; A. Tibets, December, 1865; Lucius Holmes, October, 1867; George P. Hibbard, June, 1871; H. D. L. Webster, May, 1873; H. A. Hanaford, April, 1875; E. F. Pember, December, 1877; Selden S. Gilbert, closed September, 1884; R. E. Sykes, the present pastor, came in April, 1885. The membership is about 100. Following are the present trustees: Charles Benedict, George S. Ransom, Nelson E. Ransom, John P. Harvey, Addison Eaton, Oscar Taylor.

*St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.*—Previous to the building of the Utica and Schenectady Railroad and the enlargement of the Erie Canal, Little Falls was visited by various Catholic clergymen, but during the improvements mentioned Rev. Father Burke was appointed pastor in this place. He was succeeded by Rev. Father Shanahan. They occupied the old Octagon church. For some time after the completion of the railroad and the consequent removal of many Catholic families, the village was without a resident pastor. During the pastorate of Rev. Father Stokes over St. John's church in Utica, his assistant, Rev. John Menomy, a young clergyman, was appointed by the bishop as pastor of Herkimer, Montgomery, Fulton, Otsego, and Schoharie counties. He purchased a lot on John street and erected the first Catholic church of Little Falls. It was a comfortable frame building and was finished in 1847 and dedicated the same year under the name of St. Mary's church. About the year 1852 he was succeeded by Rev. B. F. McLoughlin, who built the brick parsonage. During his administration the church was burned. The pastor was succeeded in June, 1867, by Rev. Francis Von Campenhoudt. He erected the brick church on the corner of Alexander and Petrie streets, which was dedicated in 1869 by Bishop Lynch, of Charleston, S. C. He was succeeded in 1872 by Rev. James Ludden, who remained more than ten years and was succeeded by Rev. A. P. Ludden, the present pastor. During the first Father Ludden's pastorate the church building was condemned as unsafe, and in 1874 the new stone church corner of John street and Eastern avenue was begun and completed in 1878. In 1889 the substantial stone school building was erected, and in 1892 the stone deanery was built. The property is now very valuable.

*German Evangelical Church.*—In the year 1849 Rev. P. Herlan began labor here for the establishment of a church of this faith, which

he continued about two years. The place was then included in a circuit extending from Albany to Syracuse. In 1852 Rev. E. Greuzebach and a Mr. Scharfe came to the charge, and in 1855 Rev. L. Herman came, and during his ministrations the church was built on Gansevoort street. The society was incorporated January 29, 1857. The list of pastors cannot be given complete, in the absence of records.

*Schools.*—In foregoing pages the stone school-house has often been mentioned. It is said that Elijah Case taught the first school in that historic structure, and for many years it was the only educational institution in the village. Mr. Case called his scholars to study by blowing a long tin horn. There was little advancement in the schools at Little Falls until the incorporation of the academy by the Regents of the University of this State October 17, 1844. The trustees named in the charter were :

Nathaniel S. Benton, Frederick Lansing, William C. Crain, Henry Heath, Harry Burrell, Albert G. Story, Thomas Burch, Solomon Petrie, Henry Eysaman, Arphaxed Loomis, George H. Feeter, David Petrie, Martin W. Priest, Richard N. Casler, Zenas C. Priest, Nathan Brown, Stephen W. Brown, William Ingham.

The citizens of the village contributed liberally to a fund for the erection of a necessary building and the result was the substantial stone structure which has so long served its purpose. In December, 1845, the reported value of the academic property entire was \$14,849.38. The school was opened by Merritt G. McKoon, A. M., as principal. He was succeeded by the following :

Daniel Washburne, 1845; Josiah A. Priest, 1848; James H. Maguffin, 1849; Philo S. Casler, 1850; Avery Briggs, 1851; Lawrence Mercerreux, 1854; W. H. Walker, 1858; Alonzo Phelps, 1860; John Bell, 1861; Levi D. Miller, 1863; Hannibal Smith, 1867; D. P. Blackstone, 1869; Eugene E. Sheldon, 1870; W. F. Bridge, 1871.

This academy subsequently became a part of the free school system of the village.

A resolution was adopted on the 14th of October, 1873 "That a union free school, with an academical department, be established in this school district," the Board of Education to consist of six trustees, two of whom were to be elected annually. The existing Little Falls Academy was adopted as the academical department. The first Board of Education, elected October 15, 1873, was: Arphaxed Loomis, Jonah

May, Seth M. Richmond, Charles G. Burke, James Hart, James W. Magill. Arphaxed Loomis was chosen president, and James Hart secretary of this first Board of Education. The school was divided into primary, intermediate, preparatory and academic departments.

On the 2d of September, 1879, the graded school system was adopted, and under the law of that year W. S. Hall was appointed the first superintendent of schools. The schools were then divided into the Eastern, Western, and Southern Divisions, the academical department being continued in the academy building in the Eastern Division. The schools are under the supervision of the Regents of the University of the State, and the course of study conforms to the requirements of that body. Pupils are not admitted to the academical department upon examinations by the teachers, but upon the fact of the applicant holding a regent's preliminary certificate, obtained upon a regent's examination. On completion of the course of study and satisfactory examination a graduating diploma is awarded.

In 1884 a new brick school-house was erected for the Southern Division, on the south side of the Mohawk, at a cost of \$12,000, and in 1889 a new brick school building was built on the site of the old structure, corner of Prospect and Church streets, at a cost of \$22,000. This latter building is a model one in its heating and ventilating system and interior arrangement.

The present Board of Education is composed of the following persons:

Rollin H. Smith, president; Alonzo H. Green, secretary; William R. Chapple, Horace A. Tozer, John Chester, Ivan T. Barney, superintendent of schools, Thomas A. Caswell.

Academical Department, Marcellus Oakey, principal; Miss Mary L. Mills, preceptress; Miss Mary E. Vaughn, assistant.

Eastern Division, Miss Adelaide A. Appley, Miss Emily A. Oyston, Miss Minnie Evans, Miss Maggie D. Ferguson, Miss Mildred B. VanAlstine, Miss Anna P. Hutchins.

Western Division, J. K. Abrams, principal; Miss Helena J. Ballard, Miss Julia S. Beach, Miss Mary E. Van Deusen, Miss Bertha I. Hagedorn, Miss Ella M. Lewis, Miss Ella R. Groom, Miss Cora M. Sharp, Miss Maggie E. Walcott.

Southern Division, J. F. Steward, principal; Miss Gertrude Brown, Miss Lucy H. Clancy, Miss Lora Houpt.

*The Press of Little Falls.*—The first newspaper in Little Falls was called the *People's Friend*, a Democratic paper, started by Edward M.

Griffing in September, 1821. After about ten years of existence several leading Democrats of the village purchased the establishment to prevent a forced sale and discontinuance of the paper. Its name was then changed to the *Mohawk Courier*, and its publication continued by Charles S. Benton & Co.; from them it passed to Josiah A. Noonan, who sold it to Horatio N. Johnson. He transferred it to Elias G. Palmer, but subsequently bought it back, and associated with himself Allen W. Eaton. In 1856 Mr Eaton purchased his partner's interest in the establishment, and the paper became the county organ of the then young Republican party, Mr. Eaton acting as editor. In March, 1861, Mr. Eaton sold the paper to William Ayer and T. S. Brigham, who conducted it until January 1, 1864, when it was purchased by Jean R. Stebbins, then proprietor of the *Journal*, and the two papers were consolidated under the name of the *Journal and Courier*.

The history of the *Journal* down to its consolidation with the *Courier* begins in 1849, when the *Herkimer County Journal* was removed to Little Falls from Herkimer by Orlando Squires. In 1858 X. A. Willard assumed editorial control of the paper, as far as its political and literary features were concerned, and Daniel Ayer conducted the local columns and the business management. Mr. Willard continued as editor about two years. Mr. Ayer injured his health by arduous labor and died January 1, 1861. On the 18th of the same month the establishment was purchased of Mr. Ayer's widow by Jean R. Stebbins, who continued as its proprietor until the consolidation above described.

In September, 1866, George G. Stebbins purchased an interest in the *Journal and Courier*, and from that time until May, 1883, the paper was conducted and edited under the firm name of J. R. & G. G. Stebbins. On the date last named Ivan T. Burney was admitted to the firm and the business continued under the firm name of Stebbins & Co. until November 1, 1886, when J. R. Stebbins sold his interest to his partners, after a continuous connection with the paper of more than twenty-five years. Mr. Stebbins was a forcible and vigorous writer, especially on political subjects, and in the broad field of Republican politics his journal exerted a wide and powerful influence. Its circulation was extended and its character and prosperity built up under his able administration. Soon after the disposing of his interest to his



partners, Mr. Stebbins removed to Watertown, N. Y., to assume the duties of president of the Agricultural Insurance Company of that city. The *Journal and Courier* since then has been ably conducted by Stebbins & Burney.

The *Herkimer County News* was started in Mohawk as an independent paper in 1868 by Williams & Perkins. In the fall of 1870, at the solicitation of many Democrats in Little Falls, the *News* was removed to this village. In the spring of 1871 it was transferred to L. W. Flagg, and in August of the same year was purchased by T. M. Chapman, of Canandaigua, N. Y., and W. R. Chapple, of Cleveland, O., under the firm name of Chapman & Chapple. The establishment was enlarged and the paper given a new impetus. In September, 1874, Mr. Chapman sold his interest to H. A. Tozer (Chapman & Tozer). In December, 1877, failing health impelled Mr. Tozer to retire, and since that time the paper has been ably conducted on Democratic lines by Mr. Chapple.

The *Little Falls Evening Times* is the only daily newspaper published in Herkimer county. It was founded May 10, 1876, by the Co-operative Printing Company, composed of Robert Currie, Thomas and G. H. Highland, J. R. McGuire, and Henry Langdon. The type and other materials were purchased of C. A. Tucker, who had previously published the *Mohawk Independent*. John F. Devlin was the first editor of the new daily. In November, 1886, the establishment was sold to a syndicate and E. W. Pavey was appointed editor. Mr. Pavey continued in the editorial chair about one year, and was succeeded by John M. Lee as editor and manager. Mr. Lee held the position until August, 1889, when Jay E. Klock, of Albany, purchased an interest in the paper and became editor and manager. Mr. Klock retired June 15, 1891, to become editor of the *Kingston* (N. Y.) *Freeman*. He was succeeded on the *Times* by John Crowley, jr. Mr. Crowley purchased the interest of his partners in July, 1892, and is now editor and sole proprietor. The *Times* is independent in politics, and a bright and ably conducted paper.

The death-roll of newspapers in Herkimer county is a long one, as it is in all other districts where numerous journals have been started by ambitious publishers and editors. The brief careers of many of these wrecks are noted in the history of other towns in this volume.

The *Republican Farmer's Free Press* was removed to Little Falls from Herkimer (see history of Herkimer) and its name changed to the *Herkimer County Whig*. It was published by Larned W. Smith, and died young.

In 1839 Edward M. Griffing established *The Enterprise* and continued its publication about two years. He then started the *Mohawk Mirror*, a semi-monthly paper, which expired in 1844.

The *Herkimer Freeman* was started in Little Falls by O. A. Bowe, about 1844, after he had left the *Herkimer County Journal*, at Herkimer. The *Freeman* was an abolition organ and lived about six years.

The *Catholic Telegraph* was first issued at Little Falls June 8, 1878. It was edited by Rev. James M. Ludden and M. J. Ludden. In January, 1881, the paper was removed to Albany and was discontinued a few years later.

The *Dairyman's Record*, a semi-monthly, was started February 15, 1859, by A. W. Eaton. In May, 1860, its name was changed to the *Dairy Farmer* and issued monthly. In April, 1861, Mr. Eaton sold the paper to Ayer & Brigham, and it was discontinued about a year later.

*Water Works.*—Little Falls had little water supply in which it could reasonably feel pride until very recent years. With pipes in some of the streets and indifferent sources to rely upon, the village for many years seriously felt the need of a better supply of water for domestic and fire extinguishing purposes. The reason given for this state of affairs was chiefly the apparently insurmountable engineering difficulties to be encountered in the construction of new works, with the attendant expense. For several years previous to 1885 the subject of a better water supply had been agitated, and finally on the 21st of May, 1885, the trustees appointed a committee of twelve prominent citizens to act with them in investigating the subject. The members of the committee were Hon. George A. Hardin, chairman; Michael Reddy, Titus Sheard, J. D. Feeter, R. Walrath, D. H. Burrell, S. M. Richmond, Lorenzo Carryl, Watts T. Loomis, Z. C. Priest, William I. Skinner, and J. R. Stebbins. This committee visited and inspected all the practicable sources of supply and procured analyses of the waters. The result of these investigations was the selection of Beaver Brook as the best

and most available source. The committee reported unanimously in favor of the corporation owning the works and on the source selected.

On the 3d of July, 1885, the Board of Trustees organized themselves into a Board of Water Commissioners as follows: J. J. Gilbert, president; C. J. Palmer, secretary; Lyman Timmerman, treasurer; Victor Adams, W. R. Chapple, Charles Benedict, George W. Shall, Charles Bailey, D. J. Mesick, commissioners. This board was temporary and to be succeeded by a permanent one when the necessary legislation should have been procured.

An election was ordered for August 20, 1885, to decide whether the village was in favor of adopting the plans of the committee, at which 429 tax payers voted in favor and 110 against the plans; and 864 electors voted in favor and 141 against. Upon the announcement of this result a popular jubilee was held at which the inhabitants generally expressed their satisfaction after the customary American programme. October 6, 1885, the commissioners secured the services of Stephen E. Babcock, civil engineer, of Troy, N. Y., and a contract was made with him to superintend the construction of the proposed works at a salary of \$3,000 per annum. Mr. Babcock and his assistants completed the surveys of the entire system by December 25, 1885. An act was then prepared to transfer the duties of the water commissioners of the village to a Board of Water Commissioners, which became a law on the 11th of February, 1886. Under this act the following commissioners were chosen: Watts T. Loomis, five years; William I. Skinner, four years; Charles J. Palmer, three years; David H. Burrell, two years; all dating from January 1, 1886. An act to authorize the issue of \$250,000 in bonds was passed March 8, 1886. Sealed proposals were received up to May, 1886, for constructing the Beaver Creek conduit, eight miles long, dam and inlet chamber; for the construction of a distribution reservoir and about one mile of open canals; for trenches and laying the system of distribution complete, about sixteen miles; and for the valves and hydrants complete. All of these contracts were successfully let to responsible persons. The reservoir and conduit were brought into use July 15, 1887; the distribution reservoir was not fully completed until October, 1888; but the pipe lines were so arranged temporarily that water was delivered after



*J. J. Gilbert*



October 28, 1886. An additional feed pipe line was subsequently constructed to connect at William street at a cost of \$15,000, in order to prevent the possibility of ever being without water for a day or two through the breakage of the original line. For the completion of the great work an act was passed April 18, 1887, authorizing the raising of a further sum of \$25,000. This sum was still found inadequate, and on the 8th of May, 1888, an act was passed authorizing the issue of bonds to the further amount of \$30,000, making in all \$305,000. The cost of the works averaged \$11,115 per mile, which was lower than the average cost of water works in cities and villages throughout the country. The commissioners and the citizens' committee estimated that the sum of \$21,500 per annum would have to be realized for the maintenance of the works and meeting the assumed obligations, as follows: Fixed charges of interest, \$10,000; cost of maintenance, \$5,500; for sinking fund, \$6,000. A system of rates was established in accordance with this estimate, charging \$5 each for ordinary stores and dwellings.

No public improvement can be conceived that would confer a greater benefit upon Little Falls than has this system of water works, and while it has created a considerable debt, the burden is generally cheerfully assumed. The present commissioners are: Chas. J. Palmer, president; Hadley Jones, secretary; Rollin H. Smith, Eugene Walrath.

*The Fire Department.*—The early action of the village toward providing for the extinguishment of fires has been noticed. The first company "No. 1" was organized in 1808 by Captain Solomon Lockwood, and in 1811 the following persons were members of this company:

Solomon Lockwood, captain; Rufus Sawyer, Amos Parkhurst, Josiah Hazen, Isaac Stevenson, Felix Dutcher, Josiah Perry, Thomas Battle, Benjamin Carr, Thomas Gould, Henry Frey, Benjamin Bowen, John O. McIntyre, Matthias B. Bellows, Thomas Smith, William Girvan, Brayton Buckland, John Protheroe, John Phillips, Washington Britton, George W. Angel, Charles Hinkley, William T. Dodge, Henry Holmes, James Beattie, George Plato. The engine house then stood a little west of the Girvan House site.

The organization of Protection Fire Company No. 2 took place June 19, 1835, and its headquarters were on the north side of German street. The first engine was a "goose-neck" hand machine, and later a Button steamer. Cascade Fire Company No. 1 was organized October 11,

1853, and reorganized November 29, 1873. The original members were as follows:

Henry P. Alexander, Horace M. Burch, James Feeter, William Usher, James R. Fisher, Stephen Farnham, Hiram McChesney, William T. Wheeler, William Beattie, Henry Wiegand, James Strossman, William Ellison, William H. Anable, George Ashley, John Shaunberg, James Roe, S. J. Galpin, Nelson Rust, John Feeter, A. Rathbun, M. E. Fuller, William H. Cressey, Joseph Boyer, jr., James G. Reals, James Churchill, James Levee, William Ingham, William Genett and S. Sherman.

General Herkimer Company No. 3 was organized July 3, 1857, with the following officers:

J. Satterlee, foreman; J. B. Eysaman, first assistant; J. Vosburgh, second assistant; H. Fralick, secretary; P. G. Potts, treasurer.

The fire department, as it exists at the present time, was organized under special act of the Legislature May 1, 1886, which authorized a commission to take control of both the fire and the police departments. The property of the fire department consisted of three steam fire engines, one hook and ladder truck and appurtenances, and one chemical engine. These continued in use until 1888, when the construction of the present water works rendered the engines almost wholly unnecessary. The companies which had been connected with the steamers were reorganized into hose companies, while the hook and ladder and chemical companies remained as they were.

Previous to the construction of the water works each company consisted of a maximum of sixty men. This number is still retained in the hook and ladder and the chemical companies, while the maximum of the hose companies was reduced to thirty men each. There is a chief engineer and first and second assistant engineers, all subject to the control of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. The first board was composed as follows:

S. M. Van Alstine, chairman; S. W. Petrie, M. G. Bronner, J. P. Sharer; W. S. Shepard, clerk. The present board is: M. G. Bronner, chairman; D. F. Herlehey, F. Senior, J. S. Barnet.

The cost to the village of the fire department is \$4,000 annually. An electric fire alarm is in use, comprising twenty alarm boxes placed at as many proper points. The alarm is sounded by a steam whistle in the electric light works, opposite the New York Central depot.

*Police Department.*—Prior to the organization of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, as above described, the police department was controlled by the village trustees, and changed with almost every change of administration. The creation of the Board of Commissioners corrected this evil and gave to the department much greater efficiency. The police force now consists of six officers including the chief and assistant chief. The present chief of police is Earl W. Harris, with Daniel O'Brien assistant chief. The cost of the department is \$4,000 annually.

*Streets and Sewers.*—The control of the streets and sewers of the village is vested in the Board of Trustees, through a street commissioner. Marked improvements have been inaugurated in this department in recent years. In 1882 a steam stone crusher was purchased and broken stone was thenceforth used to a considerable extent in improving the roadways. In June, 1892, a Springfield steam roller was secured, and a beginning has been made upon a system of macadamizing which it is intended shall cover all the streets of the village.

The natural drainage of Little Falls is exceptionally good and sewer construction was not begun until 1882. Since that date about fifteen miles of sewerage have been constructed in the principal streets.

*Street Lighting.*—The first gas for illumination made in Little Falls was by the Little Falls Woolen Company and the Saxony Woolen Company, who built a plant and made gas from rosin with which to light their own factories. This gas plant was purchased by John W. and S. B. Stitt and A. G. Story, and in 1853 pipes were laid by them in the principal streets of the village and the gas supplied to consumers. In 1863 the works were enlarged and the manufacture of coal gas was begun. In 1869 the Little Falls Gaslight Company was formed under the general State law with a capital of \$25,000.

The directors were G. A. Hardin, S. M. Richmond, W. G. Milligan, W. M. Dore, Lorenzo Carryl, J. J. Gilbert, James Feeter, W. T. Wheeler, and J. R. Stebbins.

In 1886 a new Board of Directors consisting of William Henry White, V. S. Watrous and M. J. Leyden, was elected; William Henry White, president. The capital stock was increased to \$50,000. A modern system of retorts with a capacity of 20,000,000 cubic feet annually, a large telescopic holder, and some five miles of new street



mains were added to the plant; public lamps were placed on all the thoroughfares of the village. In the same year electricity was also supplied for lighting purposes. The present price of gas is based upon a sliding scale regulated by the volume used, so that the net rates range from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per thousand cubic feet.

*Little Falls Electric Light and Power Co.*—This company was organized February 29, 1892, with the following officers:

Watts T. Loomis, president; Elijah Reed, vice-president; William F. Lansing, secretary, treasurer, and manager; directors, Watts T. Loomis, William F. Lansing, Nelson R. Gilbert, Elijah Reed, James H. Ives.

The capital stock is \$30,000, which is paid up. The Thompson-Houston direct current system and the alternating incandescent system are in use. The steam power employed is 350 horse power, and more than 100 two-thousand-candle power arcs and about 500 sixteen-candle power incandescent lights are in use, and the number is rapidly increasing.

*Herkimer County Bank* (now *National Herkimer County Bank*) — This is the first regularly organized banking institution in Little Falls, though the oldest citizens remember what was called the Aqueduct Association which was in existence in 1806, and issued scrip for the accommodation of the business operations of that period. The Herkimer County Bank as a safety fund bank was incorporated on the 14th of March, 1833, with a capital stock of \$200,000 and began business in August of the same year, with the following named directors:

N. S. Benton, Standish Barry, S. W. Brown, Dudley Burwell, A. Loomis, F. Lansing, P. F. Bellinger, F. E. Spinner, Benjamin Carver, David Petrie, H. P. Alexander, John Stillwell, and Abijah Mann, jr., with Standish Barry as president and Watts Sherman as cashier.

At the expiration of its charter in 1863, the institution was reorganized as an associate bank under the law of 1838, with the same amount of capital.

The directors were H. P. Alexander, V. S. Kenyon, A. Loomis, Hiram Nolton, Wm. Ingham, G. N. Willard, Z. C. Priest, James Feeter, and A. G. Story, with H. P. Alexander as president, and A. G. Story, cashier.

In 1865 the bank was converted into the Herkimer County National Bank of Little Falls, with the same amount of capital as before.





A. G. Story



Its directors were H. P. Alexander, V. S. Kenyon, Wm. Ingham, G. N. Willard, James Feeter, Z. C. Priest, W. Starr, George A. Hardin, and A. G. Story, with the same president and cashier as above mentioned.

On the 31st of October, 1878, a circular was issued by the bank announcing its going into liquidation, and its immediate organization on the following day as the National Herkimer County Bank, with the same officers and management, and \$250,000 capital. The bank conducted its business in the old Beattie building until the completion of its own structure, corner of Albany and Ann streets in 1833, when it removed thereto.

The present directors are Wm. G. Milligan, A. G. Story, Lorenzo Carryl, Schuyler R. Ingham, Geo. A. Hardin, David H. Burrell, Titus Sheard, Alex W. Shepard, Jacob Zoller.

Following are the names of the successive presidents and cashiers of the bank :

Presidents, Standish Barry, N. S. Benton, H. P. Alexander, A. G. Story, Z. C. Priest, Wm. G. Milligan. Cashiers, Watts Sherman, A. G. Story, William G. Milligan, Albert Story.

The present vice-president is David H. Burrell ; S. J. Waters, jr., teller ; George D. Smith, Gilbert Lyon, E. B. Waite, jr., bookkeepers. This is now the largest banking institution in Herkimer county, and has adopted a liberal policy toward the business interests of the community. Its deposits amount to more than \$1,000,000, and it has not failed to make regular dividends in the sixty years of its existence.

*Little Falls National Bank.*—This bank was organized in December, 1878, and business was begun early in the year 1879 in the block on the corner of Main and Ann streets, with the following officers :

President, Seth M. Richmond ; vice-president, E. C. Rice ; cashier, Amos A. Bradley ; teller and assistant cashier, W. S. Feeter ; directors, S. M. Richmond, James Feeter, Isaac Small, E. C. Rice, J. H. Ives, R. H. Smith, A. L. Eaton, William Beattie, George Nelson.

The capital of the bank is \$100,000 and it now has surplus and profits of \$42,000. This has been a prosperous institution since its organization. The chief officers of the bank remain as at first, with the exception of cashier, in which J. D. Feeter succeeded W. S. Feeter, who had succeeded Amos A. Bradley. L. O. Bucklin is the present assistant cashier, and the following are the directors :

S. M. Richmond, Isaac Small, James H. Ives, E. C. Rice, J. D. Feeter, J. H. Bucklin, A. L. Eaton, George Nelson, R. H. Smith.

#### MANUFACTURES.

*The Stone Mill.*—It is known that a grist mill and saw-mill were in operation at Little Falls during the Revolutionary War and were destroyed by the tories and Indians. The old stone mill was erected early in the present century, the exact date being now unknown. It passed through the hands of many proprietors, and was often repaired and improved. It stands on the north bank of the Mohawk River, about fifty rods below the head of the falls. Among the more recent proprietors was George A. Feeter. It was for a while in use as a manufactory of wooden packing-boxes for knit goods. In November, 1892, W. Stafford & Co. leased the building and equipped it with machinery for building the Snyder & Fisher rib knitting machine, which they are now manufacturing.

Another ancient manufactory was the paper-mill, the site of which was sold by General Bellinger in 1828 to Sprague & Dann. It stood just below the grist-mill on the south side of the river, was built of wood and the power was supplied by water from the same dam used for the grist and saw-mills adjoining it. Among those who at various periods occupied the mill were Ezra Sprague, David Paige, M. W. Priest, John Satterly, and Philo and Elijah Reed; the latter continued the manufacture of paper until about 1862, when the building was purchased by the owners of the cotton factory and converted into dwellings.

*The Henry Cheney Hammer Company.*—Occupies the site of the William Ingham Pulling and Carding Mill, the first mill site sold in Little Falls. In the spring of 1856 Henry Cheney came to Little Falls from Otsego county and began the manufacture of hammers, the factory being situated on Mill street. About the year 1874 he began the manufacture of axes also, and carried on an extensive business. After Mr. Cheney's death in 1879 hammers only were made. In July, 1881, a stock company was organized under the above name, which bought the property and business from the Cheney estate, largely increased the facilities, and added late and improved machinery. The capacity of the factory is about sixty dozen hammers per day. The officers of

the company are: S. R. Ingham, president; George D. Waterman, secretary and treasurer.

*Rockton Knitting-Mills.*—A few rods below the head of the falls, on the south side of the river, General Christopher P. Bellinger erected, about 1810, a small grist-mill, and some years later a saw-mill. These two mills were operated until 1844. In 1837 a distillery was connected with the grist-mill by Moses Drake, and they were in operation until they were demolished to make room for a large stone cotton manufactory, four stories in height. It was erected by a company of citizen stockholders, incorporated under the State laws, and was named the "Astorogan Cotton Mills." After several years the company failed, and the property passed into possession of non-resident proprietors. Garner & Co., of New York, were the last to operate it as a cotton factory. They manufactured about 1,500,000 yards of print cloths annually. On the death of Mr. Garner the mill was idle for a while. W. W. Whitman purchased the property in 1885, and since that time has successfully operated it as a knitting-mill for manufacturing knit underwear for men, women and children. Mr. Whitman was formerly of the mercantile firm of Burrell & Whitman. January 1, 1891, R. S. Whitman became a member of the firm. From 150 to 175 hands are employed.

The saw-mill now run by Benton I. Cooper, who leased the property of D. W. Ladue in 1892, stands on a small island near the north shore, a few rods above the grist-mill, and has, like the grist-mill, had a succession of proprietors and tenants. The business carried on by Mr. Cooper at present consists in the running of a saw-mill, cheese-box factory and a cider-mill. Mr. Ladue had worked in Ingham's cheese-box factory until he had obtained a knowledge of the business, when he bought out Mr. Ingham in 1855, and in 1867 he purchased the saw-mill of William I. Skinner. Thus the business was combined and has been successfully carried on since. In the year 1875 he commenced manufacturing cider. In December, 1868, Harvey Schuyler was admitted to partnership, and the firm was known as Ladue & Schuyler. Mr. Schuyler subsequently retired, and Mr. Ladue continued the business until 1892, when he leased to Mr. Cooper, as above mentioned.

Dettinger & Draper's box factory is the successor of the Little Falls box factory, which was purchased in 1890. Wooden boxes for knit

goods are largely made, and planing, matching and general carpenter work done.

*Sash and Blind Factory.*—In the fall of 1846 A. G. Harris, of Little Falls, and Clark Houghton, of Eatonville, erected a building and put in machinery for the manufacture of sash and blinds. In the ensuing winter they failed and in the spring of 1847 the building was rented by W. B. Houghton, who afterwards purchased it. He and his brother, J. G. Houghton, conducted the business until about 1855, when Byron K. Houghton was admitted to the firm, the style becoming Houghton & Son, which it continued until 1863. Between 1863 and 1868, Guilford N. Houghton had an interest in the business. In 1885 Newell & Little rented the property from the estate of B. K. Houghton and conducted the business until 1892, when Mr. Newell retired.

*Valley Flouring Mills.*—These mills were built in the year 1836, by Rodney Durkee, the machinery being from Utica, where it was manufactured. They have always been operated as flour and feed mills, have passed through various hands, and have been idle part of the time. In 1886 they were purchased by William A. Ingham, and in recent years have been greatly improved. They are operated by water, contain three runs of stone and all the machinery requisite for a first-class mill. The capacity is 1,000 bushels per day.

The extensive Mohawk Mills, for the manufacture of woolen goods, were once an industry of considerable importance. The buildings are on Mill street. The plant began by the erection of buildings by the Little Falls Woolen Company in 1842; they were succeeded by the Wool Growers' Manufacturing Company, whose business was closed in 1852. J. W. Stitt & Co., of Philadelphia, purchased the factory and operated it twelve or fifteen years and more than doubled the extent of the plant. It finally passed into possession of A. T. Stewart & Co., the celebrated New York merchants, and is now owned by Albert B. Hilton. The buildings have been unoccupied for some time.

*Little Falls Box Factory.*—In the year 1872 Victor Adams began the manufacture of paper boxes with one assistant, at the corner of Main and Ann streets. The present factory on East Mill street was built in 1879, and comprises a four-story brick building and a two-story building, equipped with all requisite machinery for the manufacture of paper





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and wooden boxes. A forty-five horse power engine and one hundred horse power water wheel furnish the power. Over 100 operatives are employed.

*Saxony Woolen-Mills.*—This establishment is situated on East Mill street a little below the bridge. The buildings were erected about 1850 by Trumbull, French & Co., the firm being composed of Earl Trumbull, Joseph French, Washington Van Driesen, J. N. Lake, Dexter Alden, and J. S. Aidridge. They first began the manufacture of ingrain carpet, which they continued for some years. The property came into possession of Seth M. Richmond and Ames and Charles King in 1882, and the manufactured product now consists of high grade woolen underwear; about 225 hands are employed. The immediate management is in the hands of Charles King, son in law of Mr. Richmond.

*The MacKinnon Knitting-Mill.*—In February, 1881, Robert MacKinnon came from Cohoes, and in company with Robert Ablett and Walter Hume, purchased the knit goods business of Greene & Girvan and began business under the style of Ablett, MacKinnon & Co., in the Loomis building on Mill street. The business grew rapidly, and in 1887 Mr. MacKinnon withdrew from the firm and purchased the site he now occupies, then including wooden buildings, wherein he began the manufacture of knit goods. His success was remarkable, and the development of his business was such that in September, 1889, he began the erection of his present large brick mill on the same site. The building is four stories and a basement and 129x62 feet in area. This mill was started in the spring of 1891, and the business under Mr. MacKinnon's energetic and sagacious management has continued in exceptional prosperity. The mill is one of the most thoroughly equipped in the State, lighted by electricity, furnished with automatic sprinklers, speaking tubes, etc. About 1,000 dozen garments are manufactured daily, and the product has an annual value of about \$800,000. On the pay-roll are 550 names. (See biography of Mr. MacKinnon in later pages of this work.)

*Riverside Knitting-Mills.*—In the year 1881 Robert Ablett came to Little Falls and began the manufacture of knit underwear, as a member of the firm of Ablett, MacKinnon & Co. This firm was reorganized in 1884 as Ablett & MacKinnon, and in 1886 Mr. MacKinnon with-

drew. Mr. Ablett continued alone for a time, after which, until 1891, the mill remained idle. In that year Eugene Walrath fitted the mill with new machinery and began manufacturing men's fine Balbriggan underwear, with success. About 100 hands are employed and 125 dozen garments are made daily.

*Pork Packing, Etc.*—One of the extensive industries of the village is that of Jacob Zoller, on East Mill street, who is engaged in packing pork and dealing in cheese, butter, eggs, etc. He began in 1860, and has since steadily increased his business. In 1883 he erected his present extensive building, of stone, three stories high, which is fully equipped with all necessary facilities for cold storage and packing.

*J. S. Barnet & Bro.*—A tannery has been in existence on the site now occupied by this firm for many years, and was built and carried on by Nelson Rust. He was followed by Van Vechten & Weeks, and later by Gilbert & Weeks, who sold to the present proprietors in 1885. In 1887 the capacity of the tannery was doubled, and the product is now about 1,000 wax calf skins per day. The firm has a salesroom at 27 Spruce street, New York, and another in Boston. They also operate a large tannery at Gloversville and one at Canisteo. (See biography of J. S. Barnet in later pages of this volume.)

*The Little Falls Paper Company*—In 1857 the firm of S. M. & A. Richmond, associated with E. B. Waite, built a paper mill on the lower falls, which they operated until 1888, when it was sold out to the Little Falls Paper Company. The members of this company are chiefly non-residents.

*Titus Sheard Company*—On the site and in the building once occupied by D. & J. Petrie's foundry, corner of Furnace and Main streets, is now situated the prosperous knit goods manufactory of the Titus Sheard Company. In 1880 Mr. Sheard, who was then manufacturing woolen yarns on Loomis Island, across the river, converted the old foundry into a knitting mill and began the manufacture of knit goods. The business increased and in 1881 he built a new mill. In 1884 George White and Frank Senior were admitted to partnership, the firm name being Titus Sheard & Co. In 1886 a large store-house was built opposite the mill, on John and Main streets. In January, 1888, a stock company was organized, known as the Titus Sheard Company, with the fol-



*Augustus M. Smith*



*Ruggero H. Minetti*



lowing officers: Titus Sheard, president; George White, superintendent; Frank Senior, treasurer; Wallace Hose, secretary. The company manufactures knit shirts and drawers, and the mill has a capacity of 60,000 dozen annually, of an approximate value of \$500,000. About 300 hands are employed. The annual pay roll is \$110,000, and the mill consumes about 750,000 pounds of clean wool per year. The product is sold directly to the wholesale trade.

*The Little Falls Knitting Company*—Was organized in October, 1872, with Titus Sheard as president, D. H. Burrell, vice-president, and J. J. Gilbert, secretary. The original capital stock was \$60,000. They purchased their building of Mitchell & Bailey, who erected it in 1872, and began the manufacture of knit underwear in March, 1873. The company now operates twelve sets of cards and employs 250 hands. The factory is situated on the north side of the river, at the head of the old canal of the Western Inland Lock Navigation Company. The officers are Charles Bailey, president; J. J. Gilbert, vice-president; Elijah Reed, secretary and treasurer; Squire Bailey, superintendent.

*The Pike Knitting-Machine Company*—Is located on Elizabeth street. This business was begun with the late Michael Reddy as a partner in the fall of 1886. Mr. Reddy died, and in the spring of 1888 Mr. Pike purchased his interest. The business is prosperous and an industry of growing importance.

*Chris. Hansen's Laboratory*.—This is a branch of the main house in Copenhagen, Denmark, which has a world-wide reputation. The branch was first established in New York in 1878, but in 1881 was removed to Little Falls, the center of a great dairying industry. The products of the laboratory are Hansen's Butter Color, Danish Rennet Extract, Cheese Color, Rennet Tablets, etc. The establishment was located opposite the New York Central Railroad depot until 1891, when Lock Island, in the Mohawk in the eastern part of the village, was purchased of the Benton estate and its name changed to Hansen's Island. A heavy retaining wall was constructed to protect the western side of the island against high water, and a commodious stone building erected. The factory is reached by the iron bridge which was built by the town in 1892, at a cost of \$15,000. This branch was founded by and is under the management of J. D. Fredericksen, a native of Denmark. The



products are shipped to all parts of this country, to New Zealand, Australia and many parts of Europe.

On Southern avenue is situated the planing-mill, saw-mill and furniture factory of P. W. Casler, which was established in 1884. A large business is carried on and from fifteen to twenty-five hands are employed.

*Superior Furnace Company.*—This company was organized in 1889 with a capital stock of \$40,000, and the following officers: Watts T. Loomis, president; Walter W. Whitman, vice-president; William G. Milligan, treasurer; William H. Switzer, secretary and manager. The works and office are on Mohawk street, occupying a large portion of the foundry and machine shop of M. Reddy, to which large additions have been made. Three styles of heating furnaces are made—for hot air, a combination of hot air and steam, and hot water.

*Reddy's Machine Shop and Foundry.*—A paper-mill was erected in Little Falls in 1830 by William J. Fardee, and after operation for some time was conducted by M. W. Priest and William Paige, and was burned in 1839. It was rebuilt by S. M. & A. Richmond of wood. It was again burned July 13, 1853, and was rebuilt in brick in the same year. The Richmonds sold it to Butcher, Lamb & Senior, who used the building as a shoddy mill. It was next owned by Owens & Petrie, who manufactured starch there. Mr. Petrie sold it to J. J. Gilbert, and he transferred it to Michael Reddy. Early in the history of the village General Bellinger sold to Alanson Ingham a site for a feltng and clothing works. Mr. Ingham erected a wooden building and carried on the business several years. The building was then converted into a machine shop, and a foundry was established in connection. After passing through several hands, it was purchased in 1830 by Michael Reddy. This site and the paper-mill property above described, purchased in 1830 by Mr. Reddy, has been converted by rebuilding and additions into the present extensive works. Upon the death of Mr. Reddy the property passed to his sons, Robert, James, and Edward Reddy. Castings and other foundry work are now produced, and thirty hands employed.

*Yarn-Mill.*—The old yarn factory on Loomis island, near the Reddy foundry, was built by Earl Trumbull between 1845 and 1848, on the site of Heath & Barber's foundry, which was one of the very early

manufacturing establishments of the place. It was erected originally by Henry Heath and James N. Barber, who had leased the site and power from General Bellinger. Trumbull's lease was from A. Loomis, who succeeded General Bellinger. The plant was destroyed by fire in 1853, and Mr. Loomis rebuilt it the same year. From 1851 to 1868 the mill was operated by Gay & Barber. It was then sold to John C. Cunningham, who sold it at the end of a year, and in 1870 it came into the possession of Titus Sheard. He successfully operated the factory for a number of years. It is now used as a store-house by the Superior Furnace Company.

*Rock Island Paper Mill.*—This mill is situated on Mohawk street, south side of the river. It was erected by Arphaxed Loomis on the site of a woolen-mill which was built by Erastus Hovey in 1845. It was also used as a flax-dressing mill, and finally as a woolen mill. In 1877 William Kingston & Co. leased the mill of Mr. Loomis and began the manufacture of paper, which was continued until 1881. From that year until 1883 the mill was idle, and in the latter year it was burned. Mr. Loomis erected a new building on the site, and Mr. Kingston equipped it with new machinery and again began manufacturing paper. The product is now building paper, and the capacity of the mill three and one-half tons per day.

A few rods below the paper-mill on Loomis Island, above mentioned, was in early times a small machine shop which was carried on by James Tillinghast and was destroyed by the flood of 1865. On the site was erected a last factory which was operated by Kingston & Co. It has been unoccupied for several years.

*The Warrior Mower Company.*—This is one of the once prosperous industries of Little Falls that has gone out of existence. The company was incorporated in 1868 for the manufacture of mowing machines under patents to Frank Bramer. A large manufacturing plant was erected and business at once begun. The machines were successful and for many years found a market in all parts of the world. Three thousand or more were made annually. The business was given up in 1891 and the buildings are now used for storage.

*Astoronga Knitting-Mills.*—In 1858 J. J. Gilbert built a stone factory on Seeley Island, south bank of the Mohawk, in the eastern part of

the village and began manufacturing starch. Connected with the factory was an elevator on the canal about twenty rods distant, which received grain from boats and conducted it to the factory. The business was continued until 1884, Mr. Gilbert in the mean time having died. In 1885 the building was remodeled by the estate, and, with the Woodbridge paper-mill, converted into a knitting-mill; it was operated by Gilbert & Walrath until 1891 when the copartnership expired by limitation, Mr. Walrath retired, and the business was continued by J. J. Gilbert, a son of the founder of the original factory. He manufactures a variety of knitted underwear. The elevator alluded to above is now in use for elevating and storing grain.

*Shoddy and Wool Extract.*—This business was established by Smith & Bushnell in 1882, on a small scale, the works being situated on Loomis Island. In 1887 the business had so much increased that a new mill was built on Moss Island, and at present fifty-five hands are employed, and the product is sold throughout the country.

*Hotels.*—In early times, on the then famous Mohawk turnpike, where the old building now occupied by Ransom & Wilcox still stands, on Main street, one Morgan kept a stage-house, and was succeeded by John M. Kister. A handsome gilt buck's head and horns projected from the lintel. Here the four-horse post-coaches halted to change teams and for meals and other refreshment. After the Erie Canal was completed these coaches gradually disappeared from the turnpike road, as travelers went mostly by canal. The taverns, which were quite numerous in the village at that period, were, one by one, discontinued, the buildings being converted into dwelling houses or stores. A few of the best public houses, however, remained, some of which have been kept as such up to the present.

The Girvan House, corner of Main and Ann streets, is one of the landmarks of the village, and was originally erected for a dwelling by Ebenezer Britton, rather in-law of Nathaniel S. Benton. Subsequently Mr. Benton raised the building one story and added to it on the eastern and western ends. It has been kept by various proprietors, and is now under the management of James Zoller.

A hotel long known as the Hinchman House stood on the ground where is now situated the Hardin & Wheeler block on Main street.

This was burned in March, 1877, and George W. Shall, who was popular as a landlord, converted two stores in the Hinchman property into a hotel, and successfully conducted it until 1891, when Messrs. Lasher & Weatherwax leased the property of Mr. Shall, and changed the name to Hotel Rockton. On the 16th of March, 1892, Mr. Lasher retired from the firm and A. G. Weatherwax became sole proprietor.

The Metropolitan Hotel, corner of Main and Mary streets, now kept by Joseph Mullin, stands on a site that has long been used for hotel purposes. In 1882 Mr. Mullin purchased the property, then known as the Bradford House, of Mr. N. A. Bradford, and rebuilt it into a handsome structure of four stories.

The Grand Central Hotel was erected in 1875 on the site formerly occupied by the dwelling of the late George H. Feeter, which was owned and occupied by Peter J. Casler in 1866. Mr. Casler kept the house several years, but it is now used for other purposes.

There are several other less important public houses in the village which do not call for special mention.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD.

THIS town is situated near the center of Herkimer county, as far as relates to the thickly settled southern part, and is bounded on the north by Norway; on the east by Salisbury and Manheim; on the south by Little Falls and Herkimer, and on the west by Newport and Herkimer. It was set off from Norway February 10, 1796, and from it a part of Newport was taken in 1806, and a part of Little Falls in 1829. The surface of the town is a hilly upland, the center rising into a ridge nearly one thousand feet above the West Canada Creek. The soil on the uplands is mostly clay and in the valleys it is gravelly. It is quite well watered with small streams, and West Canada Creek flows along the southwest border. The town comprises the north half of Glen's purchase and the first allotment of the Royal Grant.

Fairfield was first settled in 1770 by three German families named Maltanner, Goodbrodt, and Shaver, who located on the Royal Grant, about half a mile northeast of the site of Fairfield village and near together. From the first-named family Maltanner Creek received its name. Quoting from Judge Benton :

These people were sent there by Sir William Johnson, to make an opening in his Royal Grant. They had never been suspected by the Americans of being friendly to their cause ; nor could they be charged with disloyalty to the king. In 1799 a party of Indians came to this little settlement, but one of their number being sick, they kept shy, as an Indian can, about ten days, to allow their comrade to recover, when, with a yell and a whoop, and brandishing their tomahawks, they fell upon Sir John Johnson's tenants, captured two of the Maltanners, father and son, killed a little girl sixteen years old, of the Shaver family, and then burned up all Sir John's houses and buildings in the settlement. The Goodbrodt and Shaver families and some of the Maltanners escaped to tell the sad story of their bereavement and losses to their rebel neighbors. The Maltanners were taken to St. Regis by the Indians, where they remained three years, and returned in 1782. His majesty's officials in Canada might well suppose the two captives, if allowed to return, would not be very hearty and zealous in the royal cause, after such treatment ; and therefore concluded to detain them. The elder Maltanner, when he came back, said he met Sir John in Canada, and told him what had happened, whereat the gallant knight was exceedingly wrathful, and fulminated big words and strong language against the d—d savages, for their conduct in killing, taking captive and dispersing his tenants, and burning his houses. He had other tenants on the grant, loyal and true, who might be treated in the same way. Sir John no doubt felt hurt, not because any tender feeling towards his fellow man had been touched, or any law of humanity outraged ; but because the same rule of warfare he had applied to others, had been, and might again be, visited upon himself.

There was a German settlement in the town before the Revolution near the Manheim line, about four miles north of Little Falls, where the Keller, Windecker, Pickert, and other families, who were not of the Burnetsfield patentees, settled under the patronage of some of the owners of the Glen's purchase. Cornelius Chatfield came into Fairfield on the 24th of March, 1785, and settled near the site of the village. He is believed to have been the first New Englander to arrive after the close of the war. Abijah Mann, father of Abijah Mann, jr., came in the following May and settled a little west of the village site. These were followed by Josiah, David and Lester Johnson, who came from Connecticut in 1786 ; John Bucklin and Benjamin Bowen, from Rhode Island ; John Eaton, Nathaniel and William Brown, from Massachusetts,



*Mrs. W. H. L. L.*



and Samuel Low in 1787; David Benseley, from Rhode Island, and Elisha Wyman and Comfort Eaton, from Massachusetts in 1788; Jeremiah Ballard from Massachusetts in 1789; William Bucklin, the Arnold families, Daniel Fenner, Nathan Smith, and Amos and James Haile, mostly from Massachusetts, in 1790; Peter and Bela Ward, from Connecticut, in 1791. A large part of these settled southwesterly from Fairfield village; while the Eatons, Browns, Hailes, Arnolds, Bucklins and Wards located at what became known as Eatonsville. Jeremiah Ballard settled about two miles northeast of Fairfield village. Moses Mather, father of Dr. William and Jairus Mather, settled on Bartow Hill, but removed to Poland in 1806, where he remained nine years, and then returned to this town. Jairus Mather is still an influential resident of Fairfield. John and Edward Griswold came into the town soon after Mr. Chatfield and purchased land on the west of the village site. Joseph Teall came in 1788 and bought land of Mr. Chatfield, which extended into what is now the village. Robert Nolton, father of Judge Hiram Nolton, settled just west of the village. John B. Fenner came into the town in 1806. Samuel Green was one of the early settlers and probably erected the first grist and saw-mill. Many of these pioneers have descendants living in the town, as will appear.

On Maltanner's Brook there is a picturesque water-fall. In that vicinity Daniel Marvin was an early settler and had a small grist-mill there at a very early date. Richard Bushnell succeeded Marvin. Merrell Hudleston came into possession of the farm on which the water-fall is situated and improved the grounds about the falls for a picnic resort. He gave the place the name of "Cupid's Retreat," which has ever since clung to it. Daniel and Amasa Bushnell were prominent citizens and had at one time a fulling-mill just west of where the cheese factory is located.

The first town meeting was held April 6, 1796, when the following officers were chosen:

Supervisor, John Comins; town clerk, Stephen Carpenter; commissioners of highways, Henry Neely, Abijah Mann, Joseph Willard; assessors, Roger Kinne, Isaiah Johnson, Amos Graves; overseers of the poor, Abijah Mann, John Eaton; school commissioners, Nathan Smith, William Lapham, Joseph Mason; constables, Luther Britton, John McMichael; poundmasters, David Brown, Roswell Buell; fence viewers, David Brown, Cornelius Chatfield, Joseph Teall; collector of rates, Moses Mather.



At the same meeting the town was divided into twenty-eight road districts, and the simple government of the community was established.

During a considerable period after the first settlement of this town the population was greater in number than at the present time. The farms were smaller, and grain raising for market at Albany was the chief agricultural occupation. Butter and cheese were made for home use, but not much more. If grain crops failed, or if, as often happened after the canal was opened, prices were very low, money was scarce, and the farmers suffered. But the time came to this town, as to many others in Herkimer county, when farmers awoke to the importance of dairying as a means of bettering their condition. They are among the most enterprising to be found anywhere, and embraced the comparatively new occupation with energy. The result is, that no town in the county now excels Fairfield as a dairy center, and years ago it had acquired the reputation of being the best in the world.

Joseph Teall has already been mentioned as the first settler on the site of Fairfield village. He purchased his land of Abijah Mann, and built his dwelling in rear of the old chapel of the academy. The first merchants in the village were Nahum Daniels and William Smith, who had a store in 1796; they were succeeded by Norman Butler, who kept a store thirty years or more. Butler also built a saw-mill, and owned a grist mill and a distillery, in which Gilbert Dean had preceded him. Major Jonathan and Stephen Hallett were early merchants; Stephen acquired Jonathan's interest about 1820, and carried on an extensive business both in Fairfield and Norway. He was appointed sheriff of the county by the Council of Appointment in 1821, reappointed in 1822, and in November of the latter year elected to that office, which he held until 1826. He died at Fairfield November 19, 1827, aged forty years, leaving a wife and two daughters, only one of whom, Mrs. X. A. Willard, of Little Falls, survives. Mr. Hallett was succeeded by Alexander H. Buell, who, at the death of the former, assumed the sole proprietorship of the business at Fairfield. In connection with different persons, Mr. Buell extended his mercantile business into the neighboring towns and villages of the county, and his commercial operations extended to various parts of the country. He was elected to the Assembly in 1845, and to the Thirty-second Congress from the seven-

teenth congressional district, composed of Herkimer and Montgomery counties, in 1850. He died at Washington, D. C., January 31, 1853, aged fifty-two years. F. A. Morey and M. A. Barnes are at present merchants in the village. The first frame building in the place was the one in which Daniels & Smith had their store. The first tavern was kept by Cornelius Chatfield, the pioneer, who was succeeded by John D. Waterman; and Israel Jones had a public house which John E. Drake now keeps. The first lawyer in the town was William Lapham, a native of Ireland, who was here in 1796; he became prominent in the affairs of the town and combined farming with his legal labors. William D. Ford was an early lawyer and became member of Congress; and Hiram Nolton practiced here at an early day, and afterwards rose to the bench. A sketch of his career will be found in the chapter on the Bench and Bar. Arunah C. Smith was an early attorney and first judge of the county in 1840.

Col. Charles Willard came with his father from Saybrook, Conn., in 1793, and settled in that part of the town of Fairfield known as the Platform, where he spent the greater part of his life. In the War of 1812 he held a commission, and was on duty at Sackett's Harbor when peace was declared. Active, energetic and public-spirited, he was widely known and identified with movements for the improvement and well-being of the town. He died at Newport, July 14, 1862, leaving a large family of children. His son, George N. Willard, about sixty years ago, was a prominent merchant of Herkimer county. He was associated in business with the late Hon. Alexander H. Buell at Fairfield and Norway for several years. In 1848 he removed to Newport, and subsequently to Utica and Oriskany Falls, continuing in mercantile trade at each place. He died at Newport, November 26, 1888. His son, Charles P. Willard, is a prominent manufacturer of Chicago.

Drs. Eastman, Taft and Sherwood practiced medicine here in early years, and were followed by Dr. Moses Johnson, Dr. William Mather, Dr. Griffin Sweet, Dr. I. N. Willard, and Dr. C. W. Nichols, who is now in practice. The present postmaster is W. Lamberson.

The village of Fairfield has a national reputation as the site of the oldest medical college in the United States, and of the oldest academy, histories of both of which are found herein.

*Fairfield Seminary.*—In the autumn of 1801 Rev. Caleb Alexander, a Presbyterian minister residing at Mendon, Mass., came into what was then called Western New York, to visit the churches and Indians as a missionary. He visited and preached at Norway, Salisbury and Fairfield, and during his stay, suggested to the people of the latter place the idea of establishing a school of academic grade. The people were favorably impressed with the proposition and immediately set about raising the necessary funds. Mr. Alexander removed his family from Mendon to Fairfield in the spring of 1802, and in connection with Captain Moses Mather, became actively engaged in circulating the subscription. Sufficient funds were soon procured and on the Fourth of July, 1802, the academy building was raised, and in the spring of 1803 was ready for occupancy. The school was chartered by the Regents of the University March 15, 1803. The first meeting of the Board of Trustees was held April 6, and the school organized April 13, with Mr. Alexander as principal. He was an accomplished scholar, a man of commanding presence and possessed of great tenacity and perseverance, and consequently the school was successful and popular from the start.

The Alexandrian Society, an association of students for mutual improvement and practice in extemporaneous speaking, was organized in 1806, and at the same time the foundation of a library was laid.

In order to increase the usefulness, and extend the sphere of the institution, a building called the "Wooden Laboratory" was erected in 1808, and Dr. Josiah Noyes employed to give lectures on chemistry and the theory and practice of medicine. This course of lectures was so largely attended that the building was found too small.

It was then thought best to erect a larger building and establish a medical and anatomical school, so in 1809-10 the stone laboratory was built. The new department so increased the number of students in attendance that another building was required for their accommodation, and in 1811 a stock company was organized which erected the "North Building." This building was rented for many years by the trustees of the academy and finally purchased by them.

In January, 1812, Mr. Alexander resigned as principal of the academy and Rev. Bethel Judd was elected in his place. During this





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year the Alexandrian Society was reorganized and the name changed to Calliopean Society.

About this time an arrangement was made with Trinity Church, N. Y., by which the academy was to receive the sum of \$750 annually, on condition that the principal employed should be an Episcopal clergyman, and that four divinity students should be instructed free. From this fact the school was sometimes referred to as a "Divinity School." In 1813 the laboratory was transferred to the Medical College, which had been lately chartered.

In 1814 Rev. Virgil H. Barber was made principal. After about two years it was ascertained that this gentleman had changed his religious opinions and had become a Catholic. To retain him as principal being therefore in violation of the agreement with the vestry of Trinity Church, he was dismissed by the trustees. This Mr. Barber was a portly man of fine presence and affable manners, and a classical scholar of great acquisitions. He had several children, and the Latin language was the common medium of conversation in his family.

The next principal was Rev. Daniel McDonald, under whose administration the school was attended by an unusual number of students who afterwards became eminent in their several professions. In 1820 the school received a grant of \$5,000 from the State, and with this money the stock of the North Building was purchased, the scrip being bought up at the rate of seventy cents on the dollar. Dr. McDonald left in 1821 to become principal of Geneva Academy, and the branch Theological School at Fairfield was transferred to Geneva. He is said to have been a remarkable man; was prominent in the organization of Hobart College, and for several years its acting principal. With Dr. McDonald's departure, the connection of Fairfield Academy with Trinity Church was ended.

Previous to this time frequent efforts had been made to obtain a charter for a college at Fairfield, and, in 1816, the Regents granted the charter on condition that \$50,000 should be raised; but with the most strenuous efforts only about one-half of that amount could be obtained, and no college was established.

A short time before Dr. McDonald's resignation Bishop Hobart was earnestly requested to locate at Fairfield a college and theological school



which he had in contemplation, and, as an inducement, the whole academic property was offered free. The bishop did not, however, consider the location sufficiently far west, and the proposition was not accepted. The academy had now been in operation eighteen years, and, as an educational institution, had acquired a reputation unrivaled by that of any similar school in the country; but its financial affairs had not been managed in accordance with strict business principles, the accounts had been carelessly kept and many bills remained uncollected, so that the Board of Trustees resolved to try a new method of conducting the school. In the spring of 1821 Rev. David Chassell took charge of the school on the following terms, viz.: He was to receive all money arising from tuition and all received from the Regents, except what was necessary to keep the buildings in repair. He, virtually, had the whole management of the school, having the use of the buildings free of rent. After remaining three years Mr. Chassell left, and Charles Avery took the school on similar terms. At the end of three years he retired to accept the professorship of mathematics in Hamilton College, when Dr. Chassell again took the school and retained the sole management until 1840.

During all this period of twenty years, since the retirement of Dr. McDonald, the school had kept the even tenor of its way, maintaining its reputation as one of the very best secondary schools in the State. Mr. Chassell was an accomplished scholar, an enthusiastic teacher and a rigid disciplinarian; he inspired his pupils with a love of correct and thorough scholarship, encouraged them in their ambitious hopes and aspirations, and aided them in every way consistent with his ability. He was something of a terror to the idle and mischievous boys, but was always regarded with respect and reverence by the energetic and industrious students.

Mr. Chassell left the school in the spring of 1840 and the Board of Trustees, assuming control, employed Rev. Henry Banister as principal. During this year the "Waterman Building," known afterward as the "Wood Building," was hired and fitted up, and in the fall term a female department was organized, with Miss Julia A. Baldwin as preceptress.

In the summer of 1844, the trustees of the Medical College granted the use of the college buildings to the academy, and the "South College"

was occupied as a Female Seminary at the beginning of the fall term. From this time the academy continued its usual course without the occurrence of any important events to mark its history until 1852. During its whole existence no boarding department had been connected with it; the teachers obtained board where they could, the principal residing with his family in the village. The students obtained board at private houses, formed clubs or brought food from home, cooking it in their rooms. These rooms were unfurnished and at the beginning of the year often untidy, presenting a cheerless and forbidding appearance to the newcomer. In 1852 the "Laboratory Building" was remodeled and the first floor converted into a dining hall and parlors, with kitchen in the rear; the two floors above being made into two large recitation rooms.

In 1854, inspired by the enthusiastic talk of Rev. L. D. Stebbins, the Board of Trustees resolved to erect a new building on the academy grounds, provide facilities for boarding a large number of students and advertise the school as a boarding-school, under the name of "Fairfield Classical Academy and Female Collegiate Institute," and also make several changes in the methods of conducting its affairs. By extensive advertising and a thorough canvass of a large portion of the State, many students were secured, and on November 8, what is known as the "Big School" opened. The buildings were filled to overflowing and the expectations of Mr. Stebbins fully realized, but the low prices that had been fixed for board and tuition were insufficient to pay expenses, so the rates were necessarily raised, which caused a decrease in the number of students, yet it was still large.

On account of the large school, the students found the opportunities for society work too limited, and during the fall term of 1854 a debating club was organized, which, after a few weeks, developed into the Philo-rhetorean Society.

Mr. Stebbins soon resigned on account of ill health, and Rev. J. B. Van Petten became principal. Under him the school continued large and prosperous until the beginning of the Civil War, when several of the teachers, and many of the students enlisted. From this time the academy, though the numbers were less, continued its usual course for many years, and until the high school departments of the union schools so reduced the number of students that its prosperity began to decline.

In 1882 it was decided to obtain money on subscription, pay up all debts, repair the buildings and entirely reorganize the school. A stock company was formed, about \$5,000 were raised and expended and a new charter obtained, in which the name "Fairfield Seminary" was substituted for that of "Fairfield Academy." The institution was first rented to Gen. Van Petten and afterwards to others at a nominal rent, but for various reasons the school was not a success.

In 1885 the present proprietors, D. D. & F. L. Warne, obtained possession of the school, and by the application of untiring energy and business ability, have restored it to its former standing and popularity. Every means has been employed to keep the school in line with modern methods of education and render it as efficient and useful as of old. In 1891 the War Department detailed an officer to Fairfield for the purpose of military drill; a fine new armory was built and a military department organized, which promises to add to the success and prosperity of the school. Many persons have been educated here, who subsequently became prominent; among them are ex-Judge Addison Gardner, ex-Judge Demio, Prof. Foster, of Union College, ex-Senator A. M. Mills, and Jean R. Stebbins.

*Churches.* — Fairfield Central Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized February 1, 1830, with Amos Sherwood, Thomas A. Rice, Lina E. Ford, John Green and William Lamberson as trustees. Rev. E. W. A. Allen was the pastor. The present house of worship was dedicated in July, 1837, and about the same time Fairfield was set off from Herkimer circuit, and made a station. Rev. George Gary was presiding elder, and Rev. Aaron Adams was pastor at that time, and the same persons that composed the board of trustees were also elected a board of stewards. The following named clergymen have served as pastors of Fairfield station and in the order named:

Rev. Messrs. Aaron Adams, Isaac L. Hunt, Albert D. Peck, John Loveys, A. W. Cummings, F. H. Stanton, L. D. Stebbins, Aaron Adams, J. F. Dayan, Isaac Turney, J. C. Vandercook, George G. Hapgood, W. I. Hunt, C. H. Austin, B. E. Whipple, J. F. Dayan, Lewis Meredith, Pomeroy Wright, W. H. Anable, Harlow Skeele, W. F. Tooke, C. W. Parsons, T. H. McClethan, J. C. Stewart, Mr. Babcock, M. G. Wadsworth, L. B. Gray, J. L. Short, and H. M. Church. The present trustees are: E. C. Rice, Milton Ford, Morgan A. Reese, James W. Ford, E. B. Fairchild, D. C. Reese, and M. A. Barnes.



*Yours fraternally.*  
*D. D. Varne.*



A meeting of a number of Episcopalians of Fairfield was held on the 5th of January, 1807, and the following persons were chosen as officers of a society: Wardens, Andrew A. Bartow and Jonathan Hallett; vestrymen, Stoddard Squires, Charles Ward, Elijah Blanchard, William Wakley, Peter Ward, Philip Paine, Joseph Teall and Abiel Burnett. The name of "Trinity Church of the Town of Fairfield" was adopted. The lot on which the church stands was purchased of Richard Smith in September, 1808, and the house was consecrated October 28, 1809. The list of pastors is not available.

*The Village of Middleville* — Is situated on West Canada Creek, on the western border of the town, and extends across the creek into New-  
port; but a large share of the business portion is in the town of Fairfield. The land on which this village stands was owned in early times by Richard Kimball, and was sold by him to Sheffield Kinyon (or Kenyon) John McMichael, an early settler, erected the first building on the site of the present Spellman House; it was kept as a public house, and another was kept in 1807 by Samuel Stevens, nearly opposite where George Griswold now lives. In 1808 a Mr. Streeter had a blacksmith shop on the site of the dwelling and store of W. W. Mosher (the store now occupied by H. E. & D. G. Jackson), and about that time Eber Stevens also had a shop. The first bridge across the West Canada Creek was built in 1810 by Jacob Wiltsie, and in the same year he erected a saw-mill on the site where a mill has stood for many years. In the same year a grist-mill was also built on the site of the present one, by a stock company. The first school-house was built in 1813. Under the union free school system the present commodious house was erected. The school is now a graded one, with A. B. Crim as principal.

*Kanata Knitting-Mills.*—The subscription list for a manufacturing company was started January 10, 1814, the company to be known as the Herkimer Manufacturing Company, capital \$40,000, divided in 400 shares of \$100 each, to be paid in installments of \$8.50 every three months until paid in full. The company was organized to manufacture wool, cotton, flax, and iron; the money subscribed to be used in purchasing six acres of land at \$50 per acre, widening canal, repairing dam, erecting buildings, buying machinery and stock. The certificate of incorporation was dated January 27, 1814, and was filed in the sec-

retary of state's office February 1, 1814, with the following as stockholders:

James Haile, George Kretsinger, Bela Ward, Roland Sears, Jed Baldwin, Joseph Lawton, Oliver Ellis, John Burton, Clark Smith, Linus Evarts, Richard Bushnell, Wyman Eaton, Nathaniel Carpenter; and the following were named as trustees for one year: George Kretsinger, Oliver Ellis, James Haile, Bela Ward, Clark Smith, John Burton and Nathaniel Carpenter.

The dam across the West Canada Creek was already built by the grist-mill company, and a raceway leading from the dam to grist-mill further down the creek. The Herkimer Manufacturing Company widened the raceway to their property to about double its former width and erected a stone building of five stories 60 by 36 feet, and a wing 60 by 28 feet of two stories, the end of the wing being used as a store. They put in machinery for the manufacture of cotton sheeting, bed-ticking, ropes, and bunting; they also made scythes, axes, pitchforks, and hoes. The above continued in existence until March 18, 1834, when it was dissolved by the chancellor of New York State, by petition of

William H. Gordon, Varnum S. Kenyon, Alexander H. Buel, Samuel Griswold, and John Farmer as trustees; Zina Kelsey, Clark Smith, John Green, Caleb Sheldon, Stephen Ayres, David Ford, Henry Ellison, Edward T. Cheever, Benjamin Jenks, Silas Thompson, Norman Butler, William M. Cheever, John Farrington, executor of Amos Farrington's estate; Truman Cole, administrator of John Cole's estate; Stephen F. Carpenter, administrator Nathaniel Carpenter's estate; Catherine Kretsinger, administratrix, and Abijah Mann, jr., administrator of George Kretsinger's estate; and Aaron Griswold, executor of Benoni Ford, stockholders.

James B. Hunt was appointed receiver, and the property was sold by him at auction July 5, 1834, to Henry Ellison, John Farrington, and Simeon Osborne, for \$8,850. John Farrington purchased the interest of his partners about the year 1836, and sold out to Varnum S. Kenyon April 8, 1844. The business was now confined to the manufacture of cotton cloth exclusively, and in 1865 the mill was enlarged by an addition to the main building of 50 by 36 feet, five stories; also an addition to the wing, increasing the output about double. Mr. Kenyon conducted the business very successfully until his death, which occurred in 1873, and the business was continued by the executors of his estate for two years later, and May 5, 1880, the property was sold by them to

B. W. Nichols and W. W. Montgomery. June 29, 1881, Nichols sold his interest to Montgomery. September 18, 1886, the property was purchased by Edwin J. Nelson and Wm. F. Lansing, and the cotton machinery was taken out, and after many alterations and repairs, the mill was fitted up for a knitting-mill, with woolen cards and all the necessary machinery for the manufacture of knit goods. October 6, 1890, Edwin J. Nelson purchased the interest of Wm. F. Lansing and is now conducting the knitting business. The knitting-mills have three sets of 60-inch cards, 1,300 spindles, eighteen knitting machines, thirty sewing machines, and employ 100 hands.

One of the early industries of Middleville was the tannery built in 1814 by John Wood. It was operated by him until about 1840, when it passed to possession of George M. Thomas. He continued its operation until his death in 1865, when his son, George H. Thomas, became the proprietor, and has continued as such to the present time. During this long period the establishment has, of course, passed through many changes and been greatly enlarged. The annual product is now about 125,000 calf-skins.

The post-office was established at Middleville in 1816 with William H. Gordon as postmaster. C. L. Earl is the present postmaster. The first store was built by Varnum S. Kenyon where H. E. & D. G. Jackson now carry on trade. In 1828 R. G. Marvin started a clothiery where the railroad machine shops are located. The village of Middleville was incorporated in 1890 with Wallace W. Mosher as the first president; he was succeeded by Edwin J. Nelson, and he by Dr. Irving S. Edsall.

*Churches.*—The "Union Religious Society of Middleville" was organized April 5, 1825, with the following trustees: Sheffield Kenyon, William H. Gordon, Asahel Harris, Varnum S. Kenyon, and David Ford. During that and the succeeding year the society erected a wooden church which was dedicated in July, 1827. A committee was appointed to decide on a time during which the church should be occupied by the various denominations. This church was used as a union church until about 1880, services in the latter years being held only at intervals. The building finally passed to possession of the Methodists in 1880.



The First Universalist Society of Middleville was organized February 10, 1835, by Rev. Joshua Britton, and a constitution and articles of membership were adopted. The subscribers were Climena Scott, Daniel Post, Betsey Post, Jonathan Potter, Jeremiah Potter, John and Ira Farmer, Bela Ward, Abigail Farmer, Benjamin Keeler, Daniel H. Eastman, and W. Weeden. The society had a share in the union church until it was sold to the Methodists. In 1882 the new church was dedicated, its cost being about \$10,000.

The pastors who have served this church are Revs. Joshua Britton, M. B. Smith, H. Hathaway, T. J. Whitcomb, D. C. Tomlinson, Dolphus Skinner, George W. Skinner, C. D. Haynes, T. D. Cook, L. Holmes, H. K. White, H. L. Webster, S. R. Ward, R. H. Aldrich, E. F. Pember, E. B. Burgess, G. W. Powell, Herbert Whitney, and Mary T. Whitney, who was the last regular pastor. The church for a few years has been supplied. The officers are: Wardens, A. W. Ford, A. L. Petrie, Henry L. Ward, H. J. Hildreth; treasurer, A. W. Ford; clerk, M. C. Crist.

Episcopal services were formerly held in the Union church, as a mission of the Fairfield church. As an outgrowth of this a church was organized in 1872 under the name of the Church of the Memorial. A handsome church was erected in 1871-2 at a cost of about \$10,000, and the rectory has a value of about \$2,000. The same rectors have usually served this church and the Fairfield society, the present rector being Rev. Clarence M. Conant. The wardens are John Molineux, treasurer, C. W. Hamlin, M. D., secretary, and Geo. W. Griswold.

The Methodist church of Middleville was organized January 16, 1836, and incorporated February 1, 1881. In 1880 the society purchased the old Union church building, which they removed, remodeled and thoroughly repaired. Services are now conducted in it.

The trustees are James F. Whiting, I. S. Edsall and V. S. Farrington. Stewards, I. S. Edsall, V. S. Farrington, Lansing Chase, D. R. Martin, W. W. Dickens, Edward Reese, Herman Stroble. The present pastor is Rev. H. M. Church.

The substantial iron bridge across West Canada Creek was built in 1888; there had been three preceding wooden ones.

The grist-mill is owned by Dr. D. M. Devendorf, who leases it to Wolcott G. Farmer. The population of the village is about 800 and is steadily increasing.

Following is a list of the supervisors of Fairfield from its organization to the present time:



*Morgan C. Crist*



1796-97, John Comins, jr.; 1798, Nathan Smith; 1799, 1801-4, David Brown; 1800, William Laplam; 1805-10, Amos Haile; 1811-12, William Smith; 1813-14, James Haile; 1815, John Eaton; 1816-25, 1830-32, William Griswold; 1826-29, Norman Butler; 1833-34, Hiram Noiton; 1835-37, Abram H. Seeley; 1838-41, A. C. H. Smith; 1842-43, Thomas A. Rice; 1844, Alexander H. Buell; 1845, 1846, 1849, Hiram Ayres; 1847-48, Parley Arnold; 1850-51, 1856, Lauren B. Arnold; 1852-53, David W. Cole; 1854, Samuel Green; 1855, Samuel C. Franklin; 1857, Griffin Sweet; 1858-59, Morgan L. Churchill; 1860-61, Sideneus Teall; 1862-63, Alfred E. Varney; 1864-65, John Green; 1866, Albert G. Ford; 1867, Morgan C. Crist; 1868-70, Eleazer C. Rice; 1871-72, Albigeance W. Ford; 1873-74, Daniel B. Arnold; 1875-78, William W. Mosher; 1879, 1880, Hiram S. Barnes; 1881, 1882, George H. Thomas; 1883, 1884, Milton Ford; 1885, Thomas R. Petrie; 1886-88, Seymour C. Bishop; 1889-91, George H. Thomas; 1892, John Fields.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### THE TOWN OF SALISBURY.

THIS is one of the largest towns in Herkimer county, having an area of more than 68,000 acres. It embraces a part of the Jersey-field patent, and portions of the first, second and fourth allotments of the Royal Grant. The surface of the northern part of the town is rough and mountainous and not thickly settled, while the southern part is hilly and well adapted to grazing. The principal streams are the East Canada Creek, which forms a part of the east boundary, and Spruce Creek, which flows through the southwest and southern parts. The soil is generally a sandy and clayey loam. Beds of iron ore exist in some parts and have been worked to some extent. The formation of the town occurred on March 3, 1797, when it was taken from Palatine, and on the 17th of April, 1817, it was annexed to Herkimer county from Montgomery county; it lies on the eastern border of the county and extends into the great northern wilderness.

Salisbury received its name from Salisbury, Conn., whence came many of the early settlers. Of the early settlement of the town Mr. Benton thus wrote:

This town was peopled before the Revolution, with several families of tories or persons friendly to the crown, although they may not have committed any overt act of

treason against the colonies. Living on the Royal Grant, they were, no doubt, the tenants of, or went there under the protection of the Johnson family. They were allowed to remain unmolested by the Indians and tories during the whole war; but when the commissioners of forfeitures, in 1784, claimed the grant as the property of the State, they may not have esteemed the protection of their royalist landlords as of much value, or their titles, if they held any, as securing to them "an indefeasible estate of inheritance." One of these people, named Johnson, lived on lot number 154, in the first allotment, Royal Grant, on the road between the old Salisbury meeting-house and the Four Corners. Daniel Lobdell, another of them, lived in the westerly part of the town, about one mile southerly of the old Salisbury meeting-house.

These parties were conveniently located, to suit the purposes and accomplish the objects, of those who planted them on the direct route from the Mohawk valley to the head waters of the Black River. Here the disaffected could congregate in safety, and mature their plans of mischief; and from these points, runners could be dispatched to hover round the out-settlements, collect information, watch the movement of troops in the valley, and even spy out what was going on at the block-houses and stockades, and outside of the principal forts; and here, too, straggling parties of the enemy received aid and comfort and were seasonably notified of whatever was important for them to know, and within the power of these people to give.

Old Mr. Lobdell had four or five sons who, at an early period of the war, went to Canada with a party of Indians and remained there until after peace was declared.

A controversy as to some of these lands gave rise to a litigation in 1860, as appears by the case of McKinnon vs. Bliss, 21 New York Reports, 206.

A few New England families probably located in this town before 1788, and between that date and 1794 the immigration was quite rapid. The Salisbury meeting-house, a historic structure, was erected during the last named year. Jabez Ayers built the first frame dwelling in the town. The following families were among the early settlers: Avery, Cook, Hackley, Hallett, Todd, Hopson, Burrell and Waterman. In 1801, according to Rev. Caleb Alexander, who then visited the town, the population was 1,694.

The first town meeting was held April 4, 1797, and the following is a record of the proceedings:

Agreeable to statute, the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Salisbury convened at the house of Aaron Hackley, esq., on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1797. Cornelius Humphrey and Aaron Hackley, esqs., superintended the meeting. Polls opened and proceeded to put in the town officers, and the following were chosen, that is to say: Cornelius Humphrey, esq., supervisor; Eliphalet Taylor, town clerk; Abijah Ford, Samuel Bennet, Jonathan Cole, assessors; Jonathan Hallett, William Lee, jr.,

and Joseph Munson, commissioners of highways; Nathaniel Curtis, constable and collector; Stephen Todd, jr., constable; Reynolds Cahoon and Jabez Ayers, overseers of the poor; Augustus Thorp, Stutley Can and Caleb Bates, commissioners of schools; Eleazer Can, Jabez Tuttle and Joseph Tuttle, fence viewers and appraisers of damages; Joseph Cahoon and Alexander Ayers, poundmasters. The entire town at that time contained only thirteen road districts, and one overseer was elected for each district.

Other proceedings of this and succeeding early meetings consisted of the customary regulations for restriction of roving animals, selling liquors, etc. In this connection the following entry is of interest as indicating who were early merchants and what they had to contend with for violating the law:

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of January, 1798, Joseph Cahoon and Isaiah Kenyon, merchants of the town of Salisbury, county of Montgomery and State of New York, were this day convicted before me, Cornelius Humphrey, one of the justices of the peace of said county, for retailing, on the 9th day of this instant—January—and at several other times, at their store in the town aforesaid, gin and other spirituous liquors by small measure to be drank in their house, without having a license or such permit in their house, out-house, yard or garden, or without having entered into such recognizance as is mentioned in the act entitled "an act to lay a duty of excise on strong liquors and for the better regulating of inns and taverns," passed March 1st, 1788.

Given under my hand and seal the 15th day of January, 1798.

CORNELIUS HUMPHREY, J. P.

Following is a list of the supervisors of Salisbury from its organization to the present time:

Cornelius Humphrey, 1797-99; Samuel Bennett, 1800; Jonathan Hallett, 1801-02; Cornelius Drake, 1803-05; Alvah Southworth, 1806-13; Stephen Todd, 1814, 1820-22, 1824; Elijah Ford, 1815; Isaac Sears, 1816; John D. Waterman, 1817-19; Jeremiah Drake, 1823, 1825, 1829; Abraham Marsh, 1826-27; Abial Pratt, 1828; Henry Waterman, 1830-31; George W. Alton, 1832-36, 1839; Eliakim Sherrill, 1837-38; Atwater Cook, 1840-41; Hiram Hadley, 1842-44; George Avery, 1845; Ira Comstock, 1846; Truman Bliss, 1847-48; Harry Burrell, 1849; Lorenzo Carryl, 1850; B. Avery, 1851-52; Daniel A. Northrup, 1853-55, 1859, 1860; James J. Cook, 1856-58, 1877-78; James H. Ives, 1861-64; Milton B. Avery, 1865-66; George L. Byington, 1867-69; John Ives, 1870-71; W. F. Burrell, 1872-73; Volney Hopson, 1874; Ormel Leavitt, 1875-77; J. J. Cook, 1878-79; Frank H. Loucks, 1880-82; Charles L. Ives, 1883-84; William H. Cramer, 1885-86; Warren H. Eaton, 1887-92.

Among the few families who settled in this town during the Revolution were John Faville and Cornelius Lamberson, both natives of New Jersey. Faville was born in 1749, and in early life was engaged in

boating on the Mohawk River. He settled in the southwestern part of the town on a farm owned in recent years by Harry Burrell. His son, William Faville, was born in the town December 19, 1785. In 1795 he removed to the northwestern part of Manheim, where he erected a grist mill previous to 1800. He was the father of eight sons and four daughters, most of whom located in Salisbury and Manheim. The family has always been a prominent one in the eastern part of the county. Cornelius Lamberson settled on the farm owned recently by his grandson, Joshua W. Lamberson, in the southern part of the town. He reared a family of seven sons and one daughter. He was father of Addison Lamberson, now of Dolgeville.

Major Jonathan Hallett was a revolutionary officer and settled early in the town—about 1787, in the western part. His son, Stephen, was born in the town in 1787, and remained a resident until 1820, when he engaged in mercantile business in Fairfield. He was sheriff of the county from 1821 to 1826.

Jabez Ayers came to the town from Massachusetts in the spring of 1792, settling on wild land near the site of Burrell's Corners. His son, Stephen, born in Braintree, Mass., February 10, 1770, came here with his father, and later settled a mile or more west of him in what is now Fairfield. He was a practical surveyor and located many of the early roads in this section. He represented the county in the Assembly in 1836, and died in 1850.

Stephen Todd came from Wallingford, Conn., in 1792, and settled at what is known as Diamond Hill, on the State road. His son, Stephen, jr., came with the family and subsequently studied medicine and was for many years one of the leading physicians of the county. He also engaged quite extensively in agriculture; was elected to the Assembly in 1821, and died at his home in 1827.

Nathan Metcalf came from Berkshire county, Mass., and settled in the extreme southern part of the town in 1794. Abial Pratt came here in the same year and purchased a farm of Alvarius Hopson. A year later he returned to Massachusetts, but in 1799 came back to his farm which he cleared and improved, and lived upon it until his death at the age of ninety-two years. The homestead was about half way between Salisbury and Salisbury Center. He was member of Assembly in 1828.

Jonathan Cole came with Mr. Pratt in 1794, and settled on the adjoining farm, where he resided until his death. He was one of the first assessors of the town. Abijah Ford settled early in 1794 near Diamond Hill, opened a tavern before 1800, and kept it until his death. The early town meetings were held at his house. In the same year Asa Sheldon settled about two miles west of the site of Devereaux.

Atwater Cook, a native of Connecticut, settled in Salisbury early in 1795, locating first at what is known as Ives Hollow, and subsequently on a farm just west of Salisbury Corners. His son, of the same name, was born in Salisbury, December 17, 1795, and became one of the early successful farmers and dairymen and one of the prominent and influential citizens of the town. He was for many years a justice of the peace; was supervisor, and in 1831 and 1839, was chosen to the Assembly. He died at his home February 14, 1853. His son, James J. Cook, was born July 13, 1822, and also became one of the prominent citizens of the town. He was sheriff of the county from 1859 to 1861, and for many years a member of the board of supervisors. During the War of the Rebellion he held the office of United States provost marshal for this Congressional district, and at the time of his death was a member of the committee for the construction of the new county buildings. He died at Salisbury, September 4, 1880.

Aaron Hackley came from Wallingford, Conn., in 1795 and settled at what is now known as Burrell's Corners, where he carried on a store and a tavern. He was one of the first justices of the town.

Silas Thompson was a native of Chesterfield, N. H., and for a time drove the six yoke teams of oxen in hauling boats on the river around the rapids at Little Falls. In the fall of 1795 he came to Salisbury and soon afterward purchased the farm now owned by the estate of William J. Thompson. He died in 1858.

Joseph Munson and Moses De Witt came from Connecticut in 1795 and settled on farms near Salisbury Corners. Other early settlers were Cornelius Humphrey, Eliphalet Taylor, Samuel Bennett, and William Lee, who became permanent and useful citizens and left descendants.

Amos Ives was a native of Wallingford, Conn., and came to Salisbury in the spring of 1795, settling about two miles north of Salisbury Corners, where he was a successful farmer. He died at the residence of



his son at Salisbury Corners in March, 1841. He was father of seven sons and one daughter. Truman Ives was his youngest son and was three years old when his father settled in Salisbury. He learned the trade of wool-carding and cloth-dressing and in 1818 established that business about half a mile north of Salisbury Corners, which he successfully carried on until 1860. He was also an extensive farmer and owned a large estate, which he transferred to his sons, John and James H., in 1860. Anson Ives was an elder brother of Truman, and the following interesting reminiscences were published by the *Little Falls Journal and Courier* in 1876, in a reference to him :

He was a son of Amos and Lucy Ives, and was born in Wallingford, Conn., March 19, 1785. He was the fifth of a family of eight children, Amos, Ambrose, Simeon, Lucy, Anson, Orren, Samuel and Truman, all of whom are now deceased except Truman, the youngest, who is in vigorous health at eighty-six. All lived to a ripe old age. This family of ten persons removed from their home in Connecticut to this county in May, 1795, coming the whole distance in a cart drawn by two oxen and one horse. The journey to Little Falls required fourteen days. From this place to Salisbury was almost an unbroken wilderness, the route having to be followed by marked trees. They were one day in going two miles, and put up for the night at a tavern kept by a man by the name of Doxtater, a short distance north of the present residence of Chauncey Cook. On the next day they reached Burrell's Corners and tarried over night in the small red house (still standing) just east of the old church which was burned fifteen or eighteen years ago. The day following they arrived at the happy home of Atwater Cook, the elder, grandfather of James J. Cook, esq., who admitted them to a share in his log cabin. Here they resided several months, until they could erect a log house of their own on a lot adjoining, purchased of Mr. Cook. They had all been neighbors and intimate friends in Connecticut. Anson while yet a boy left his father's house and went to Greene county, where he resided five years. From there he went to Onondaga county, N. Y., where he and two other brothers contracted to chop eight hundred cords of wood. Here he was drafted into the United States service and stationed at Oswego, remaining there till peace was declared. For this service he received a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land and a pension of \$12 per month to the time of his decease.

It is from the Ives family that Ives Hollow takes its name, and there John and James H. Ives established several industries. They became very large land owners, engaged extensively in dairying, owned large interests in several cheese factories, carried on mills and also extended their business operations into other parts of the country. John Ives was twice supervisor of the town and James H. held the same office four terms and was sheriff of the county.

Alvarius Hopson came from Wallingford, Conn., to Salisbury in 1793, bringing a large family with him. He first settled about a mile west of Salisbury Center, but in the following year sold his land to Jonathan Cole and Abial Pratt and purchased other property a mile southeast of Salisbury Center. There a few years later he joined with Samuel Bishop and built a saw-mill on Spruce Creek. About 1799 he sold his farm to John Marsh, and in recent years the place was occupied by the grandson of the latter, Abram M. Marsh; it is now occupied by G. A. Marsh. Mr. Hopson soon afterward settled permanently a little south of Salisbury Center, where he died about 1825. He was the father of six sons and five daughters, and his descendants became prominent citizens of this county. E. R. Hopson, now of Dolgeville, is a great-grandson of Alvarius Hopson. His grandfather's name was David, one of the six sons of Alvarius, and his father was James (2d) who was born in 1800 and died in 1860. The family of E. R. Hopson consists of Elton J., born June 30, 1851; George D., born December 30, 1855; Mary E., born December 13, 1858, now wife of James F. Weatherwax. Mr. Hopson has taken the lead in this vicinity in dairying operations, and when the Cold Brook cheese factory was established in 1863, he became part owner and sole manager of it. The product of the factory ranked as first class. Mr. Hopson enjoys the confidence and respect of the entire community. James Hopson was also a son of Alvarius, and came with his father to Salisbury. He was an early merchant and farmer and an influential citizen of the town. His son, Cornelius D. Hopson, was a farmer and died in 1864. He left four children, all of whom now reside in Kansas, except Martha C., who married P. W. Casler, living at Little Falls. Other later members of several of these families have removed from the town.

Among others of this town who are worthy of mention in connection with its growth and development are Jonathan Burrell, an early settler at Burrell's Corners. His son, W. F. Burrell, who was born there in 1818, became the proprietor of Burrell's mills at that place and was extensively engaged in the manufacture of cheese-boxes, broom handles, lumber, etc. He was for years a member of the firm of Burrell, Ives & Co., extensive makers of cheese-box material in this State and Michigan. He was supervisor of the town in 1872 and 1873.

Orren Tanner was born in Salisbury in 1806, and spent most of his life as a successful farmer. He had seven children. His wife was a daughter of Alvarius Hopson.

William J. Thompson was born in Salisbury in 1819 and was reared on the farm on which he passed his life. His father was Silas Thompson, before mentioned, one of the pioneers of the town.

Among the pioneers from Connecticut who settled in Herkimer county was Noah Smith. He located in the town of Norway and had a son Samuel, who settled in the town of Salisbury in 1822, where he is still living at the great age of ninety-three years, in the enjoyment of the respect of the community. George W. Smith, the well-known attorney of Herkimer, is a son of Samuel, and was born in Salisbury in 1823. He left that town in 1844, studied law with Capron & Lake in Little Falls and with Judge Graves of Herkimer and was admitted in 1848. During the following three years he was editor of the *Northern State Journal* at Watertown, and then settled in Boonville and began practice. He was elected county judge of Oneida county in 1850 and in 1860 removed to Utica, but returned to Boonville two years later. He remained there until 1870, when he settled permanently in Herkimer and has been in practice there since. In 1876 he was nominated by the Democrats for Congress but was defeated, although he ran ahead of his ticket in Herkimer county, and was again defeated for the same office in 1886. In 1880 he was a delegate to the Cincinnati convention, and in 1882 was elected to the Assembly, where he was distinguished for his clear style and eloquent speeches.

Sketches of many other residents of the town will be found in a later department of this work.

The first mill of any kind in operation in this town was a saw-mill built about 1795 by John Garner on Spruce Creek about half a mile north of Salisbury Corners, which locality bears the name of Ives Hollow. The site has had a mill ever since, which was in possession of J. & J. H. Ives and is now carried on by the latter. The first grist-mill in the town was erected about 1800 by George Spencer, near Diamond Hill, on a small tributary of Spruce Creek. This mill, although it was of great convenience for a time, was not long-lived on account of the change of the stream. A second mill was built not long after the first,

by Cornelius Humphrey, on Spruce Creek about one and a half miles north of Salisbury Corners. Zophar Tuttle, from Wolcott, Mass., who came here in 1798, was the first miller here and he and Friend Cook subsequently purchased it. The mill was operated nearly fifty years.

About the year 1805 Dr. Stephen Todd started a distillery at Diamond Hill, taking this means of using the grain that he was forced to accept in payment for his services. The business was profitable and, as usual in such circumstances, others embarked in it, so that by about 1815 there were five distilleries in the town, and all doing a lucrative business. As grain raising declined, these industries were abandoned and the last one has disappeared.

The first tavern, kept by Aaron Hackley in 1795 at what is Burrell's Corners, has been mentioned; he also kept the first store there. Abijah Ford opened the second tavern at Diamond Hill, and about 1800 Nathaniel Dibble opened the third about a mile east of Salisbury Center. Joseph Cahoon and Isaiah Kenyon were merchants in the town as early as 1797.

The first road laid out in this town, as shown by the records, was under date of May 15, 1797, by Jonathan Hallett, Joseph Munson, and William Lee, jr., commissioners. It is the road now running from the west line of the town to Burrell's Corners, Salisbury Corners, Salisbury Center, and thence to Devereaux. The State road, so called, running from Johnstown to the Black River country, crosses the southwest part of Salisbury. The road from Salisbury Center north to Jerseyfield Lake and thence to Morehouse, in Hamilton county, was laid out in 1845. The Manheim and Salisbury Plank Road Company was chartered December 23, 1848, and the charter was renewed in 1878 for thirty years more. The road ran from Little Falls through the northwesterly part of Salisbury to Gray, in the town of Norway. The Little Falls and Salisbury plank road, running from the former place through Salisbury Center to Devereaux was built in 1848. These roads are substantially abandoned as far as plank toll roads are concerned.

The dairy interest in this town has been and is important, although not so much so as formerly. Salisbury is one of the towns claiming the introduction of this industry, Atwater Cook and Dr. Todd being the first

to practically abandon grain growing and turn their attention to grazing. For many years each farmer made his own cheese, but the era of cheese factories came, and in this town they were especially prosperous. The Avery & Ives cheese factory, two miles east of Salisbury, was built in 1862, and for several years its product reached 200,000 pounds. The Cold Brook factory was established in the spring of 1863 by E. R. Hobson, J. D. Lamberson and the Ives brothers. Cook, Ives & Co.'s factory at Salisbury Corners was built in 1865; the factory at Burrell's Corners in 1869, and the Beaver Creek factory, near Diamond Hill, in 1873. There are now three factories in operation in the town.

*Burrell's Corners.*—This locality, once known as "Yankee Corners," was in early days the center of business in the town. It received its name from Jonathan Burrell, who came from Berkshire county, Mass., and permanently located here in 1803, and has already been mentioned. Here were situated the earliest business establishments in the town—Aaron Hackley's store and tavern, an early grist-mill, and the vicinity was more thickly settled than other parts of the town at an early day. Jonathan Burrell, and later his sons, carried on various branches of business at the Corners. There is very little here now to distinguish the neighborhood from the surrounding country, except a blacksmith shop and a cheese factory.

*Salisbury Center.*—This little village, as indicated by its name, is situated near the center of the town. Business was first attracted to the locality by the building of a grist-mill in 1802 by a man named Plum (or Plumb), which was followed by another in 1810, which was built by Cornelius Drake; the second one stood a little below the first, and about on the site of the present mill, now operated by William H. Elwell. This mill was erected by Edgar Darling in 1846-47. Augustus Frisbie was one of the early settlers at the Corners, and built the first frame house, which he converted a few years later into a hotel, the first in the place. Mr. Frisbie also erected and operated the first wool-carding and cloth-dressing works in 1810, and a few years later Stephen Avery established similar works. William Peak was an early merchant and perhaps the first. The mercantile business of the place previous to 1820 was of little importance, but in that year Henry Marshall opened a general store and carried on quite an extensive busi-

ness. Stores are kept at the present time by Frank Loucks and Robert Hicks. A small tannery was built here in 1806 by Nathaniel Peck; he was a shoemaker and tanned his own leather. A larger tannery was erected by Sherrill & Reed about 1825; these have disappeared with the failure of the bark supply, with the exception of the small establishment now operated by John Deitz. The cloth-dressing works long ago disappeared and there is no establishment of the kind in the town. J. F. McDougall carries on the saw mill at the Center, with planing-mill, shingle-machines, etc., and a shoe-peg factory has been operated a number of years by Kingsley Bros. on the site of the tannery formerly operated by John C. Pitt. The post-office was established here about the year 1825, with Dr. Hiram Hadley as postmaster. R. H. Hicks is the present incumbent of the office. Small harness and blacksmith shops complete the list of business concerns in the village.

*Devereaux.*—This busy little village is situated on the East Canada Creek on the eastern line of the town, a part of its buildings being in Fulton county. The place was formerly known as "Nicholsville," from Elder Martin Nichols, who was one of the early settlers and came before 1800. He erected a frame building for his dwelling, which was afterwards enlarged and kept by others as a hotel. He also built the first grist-mill here about the year 1800, and a saw-mill was built about that time by either Mr. Nichols or Alexander Boyd. Elder Nichols also built a church in which he preached for a number of years. It was eventually burned and the Baptist church built upon the site. Jesse Potter was an early settler and built for himself the first house in the place. Aaron Bartlett erected the first tannery on the east side of the creek about the year 1826. It fell into disuse with the failure of the bark supply. One of the earliest merchants here was Asa Wilcox, and Dr. Elliot Jacobs was the first physician. The post-office was established about 1820 under the name of "Nicholsville," and about 1832 the name was changed to "East Creek," and a few years later to its present title, after Henry Devereaux, who settled here about 1834 and became a prominent merchant. There are now two churches here, noticed further on, four stores, kept by S. McLean, N. Perkins, Bliss Kibbe (who is also postmaster), and D. Helterline. J. C. Livingston carries on the grist-mill and D. Helterline has a butter-tub factory and

the saw-mill. There are three hotels which are kept by Peter Ward, John Moon, jr., and J. Rowley.

*Salisbury Corners* is a hamlet on the State road in the southwestern part of the town. The immediate locality was first settled by Hiram Wooster, a Connecticut farmer, who came about 1800. In 1811 the first tavern was built by Amos Griswold, who also came from Connecticut. William Brooks was the first merchant and erected his own store. There is very little business done here at the present time, a small store and a tannery only being kept.

What has been known as "Diamond Hill," from the finding of quartz crystals in the rocks, is a settlement on the State road about one and a half miles north of Burrell's Corners. A paper-mill was at one time in operation here, and W. F. Burrell carried on a saw-mill, cheese-box factory and turning works.

The first carding machine was established by John Standing about 1800, and was located at Diamond Hill, being operated by water from Spruce Creek. The mill was burned a few years after its erection and a larger one with machinery for cloth-dressing built in its stead. Augustus Frisbie built a similar factory at Salisbury Center in 1810 and in 1814 another one was established by a stock company, on Spruce Creek, north of Salisbury Center, owned in subsequent years by Truman Ives.

Tanning has been very largely carried on in this town, the first tannery having been built by Col. Amos Griswold about 1802, a mile north of the site of Burrell's Corners. To this one were added from time to time others, and down to about the beginning of the war period, this was one of the chief industries of the town. There is now only one tannery in the town, carried on by John Dietz.

*Churches.*—The first meeting-house in this town was erected about 1795, at what is now Burrell's Corners, under the auspices of the Presbyterian denomination. It was occupied as a church until 1831, when that denomination built a new church at Salisbury Corners, and the old church was converted into a wagon shop. It subsequently burned. The church at the Corners is still standing, but is unoccupied as such. Rev. Caleb Alexander, the touring missionary of early times, wrote as follows of the Presbyterians at Salisbury at the beginning of the century:



Tuesday, November 19, 1801. — Rode east four miles to Salisbury. Called upon Aaron Hackley, esq., and preached a lecture on Titus iii., 5, 6. A decent congregation in the school-house. There is a Presbyterian church of thirty-six members, belonging to the Northern Associate Presbytery of Morris County Presbytery. A Baptist church has lately been established here. There has been in this place, last summer, much attention to religion, and almost every convert has joined the Baptist communion through the vigorous exertions of the Baptist teachers itinerating. Salisbury contains 1,694 souls, and a Presbyterian meeting-house.

A Baptist church was organized at Burrell's Corners in 1800, where meetings were held for a time, and afterward at Salisbury Corners, until about 1831, when the society united with the Universalists and erected a union church. This building was subsequently, and now is, occupied by the Baptists alone, the other society becoming extinct. There is a Baptist church at Devereaux, in which George Fisher is the present pastor.

The First Universalist Society of Salisbury was organized at the house of Stephen Pratt, in December, 1822. On February 28, 1830, a new organization was effected at the house of Abial Pratt and the society was incorporated.

The union church of Salisbury Center was erected in 1830, principally by the Universalists, and by the Presbyterians and Baptists. Its cost was about \$2,600, and it was dedicated in October, 1830. It is only used occasionally at the present time.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Salisbury Center was organized in 1826, by Rev. John W. Wallace with about twenty members. In 1828 the society began the erection of a frame church. It was used while still unfinished for about two years, and was finished in 1830. In 1870, during the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Howland, it was remodeled and repaired, and rededicated by Bishop Peck. Rev. Amos Rich is the present pastor in this church, and the one at Devereaux.



## CHAPTER XV.

## THE TOWN OF MANHEIM.

MANHEIM lies on the eastern border of the county and on the north bank of the Mohawk River. It is bounded on the north by Salisbury; on the east by Oppenheim in Fulton county; on the south by Danube, and on the west by Little Falls and Fairfield. Six of the large lots in Glen's purchase, a part of the fourth allotment of the Royal Grant; the whole of John Van Driesen's, Snell and Timmerman's, and part of Rev. Peter Van Driesen's patents; a part of Vrooman's patent, and some small grants made by the State are in this town. The town was formed from Palatine, Montgomery county, on the 3d of March, 1797, and it remained a part of that county until April 7, 1817, when it was annexed to Herkimer county. It received its name from Mannheim in Germany. The surface of the town rises from the intervalles of the Mohawk to the northern border where it reaches a height of 500 feet above the river. The soil is a gravelly loam on the uplands and a fertile alluvium on the flats. Cathatachua Creek flows through the town near the center, and Gillett Creek southeast across the northeast corner; both are small streams. East Canada Creek flows along the eastern boundary of the town, furnishes excellent water power and is beautified by several picturesque cascades within the limits of the town.

Manheim was settled by German emigrants before the Revolution. The grant of 3,600 acres made in 1755 to Jacob Timmerman and Johan Jost Snell (or Schnell), commonly called Snell and Timmerman's patent, is near the central part of the town on an east and west line, and south of the Royal Grant. The date of this grant is probably not far from the time of the first settlement; and descendants of the Snells and Timmermans are still residents of the county. A part of this original grant still bears the common name of "Snell's Bush." Jacob Timmerman had at least five sons, four of whom, Henry, Adam, Frederick and Jacob, settled on portions of this patent. Four of the sons of Johan

Jost Snell, Suffrenus, Peter, Joseph and Jacob, also located here in the vicinity of the old Dutch Reformed church. Nine of the Snell family went into the battle of Oriskany and only two returned, Peter being one; the other seven were killed.

Henry Remensneider, or (Rhemensnyder) and Johannes Boyer were the first settlers on Glen's purchase, a few miles north of the Little Falls, where they seated themselves a few years prior to the Revolution. John Boyer took part in the battle of Oriskany; he was the immediate ancestor of the Boyer families, who were once numerous in the county. Among other German families who settled in the town before the Revolution were the Keyzers, Van Slykes Newmans, Pickerts, Klocks and Garters. The Newmans, Klocks and a family named Davis settled near the center of the town, south of Remensneider's Bush.<sup>1</sup> James Van Slyke and John Windecker, aged respectively seventeen and nine years, were taken prisoners during the Revolution. They were at the time in the log house of Frederick Windecker, who lived on the farm occupied in recent years by John F. Windecker. They were carried to Canada, whence Van Slyke escaped, but the younger lad was kept five years. It will be remembered by the reader that we have already given an account of the attack on the settlements at Remensneider's Bush, April 30, 1780, by a large band of Indians and Tories, who burned the early grist-mill of that place and carried away nineteen persons. The settlers in the town suffered severely from the depredations of the enemy during the Revolution.

The block-house mentioned in the foot note on this page was situated just over the west line of Manheim in the edge of Little Falls; it was known as Remensneider's fort. The grist-mill stood on lands owned by Lorenzo Carryl, now of Little Falls. Of the prisoners carried to Canada in 1780, John Garter died there. After that attack the inhabitants of the town retired to the lower valley, abandoning their farms until after the war.

<sup>1</sup> A blockhouse stood at this place. Remensneider's log house and the inhabitants took refuge in it. Twelve of the prisoners were taken at one house by half that number of Indians without resistance. The captives all returned after the war, except one who died in Canada, and one who escaped. John G. Snell, while searching for cattle in the woods, was surprised by the Indians and shot through the body. He recovered and lived to an advanced age. The town was deserted after this by all but the Tories.—*French's State Gazetteer*, p. 346.

Adam Garlock settled in the town previous to the Revolution, and the farm has always remained in possession of his descendants. With the cessation of hostilities the town was rapidly filled up by the refugees and new-comers from the East. Judge Jacob Markell, born in Schenectady in 1770, came to Manheim when he was twenty years old; was long a justice of the peace, supervisor of the town twenty-six years, judge of the Court of Common Pleas while the town was a part of Montgomery county; elected to Congress for one term, and member of Assembly from Manheim in 1819. (See chapter on the Bench and Bar.)

Jacob P. Loucks was born in Manheim in 1783; was a soldier in the War of 1812 and lived to a very old age. Major Andrew Fink settled here soon after the close of the Revolution; was of German descent and born in the present town of Palatine; was first lieutenant in Captain Christopher P. Yates's company in July, 1775, and rose to the rank of major during the war. He lived to an advanced age and is buried in this town. John A. Dockey, a British soldier under Burgoyne, was taken prisoner at Bennington, escaped at Albany and came to Fall Hill, where he hid out to Peter Dygert; soon afterward he married the widow of Jacob Snell, who was killed at Oriskany. His son, Henry Dockey, was born in Manheim in March, 1784. Nathaniel and Elijah Spencer came from Vermont and settled on the farm now owned by Howard Spencer, their descendant, in 1797. Others who settled in this town in the latter part of the last century were Samuel Peck and his son, Isaac, who came in 1796; Jacob Youran, in 1797; John Faville, Simeon P. Ballman, James and John Van Valkenburg, Henry Broat and Peter Woolever.

John Beardslee, born in Sharon, Conn., in November, 1759, became a practical mechanic, architect and civil engineer. He came to the Mohawk valley in 1787, visited Whitestown and engaged with White & Whitmore to build mills for them on shares. In 1792 he built for the State a mill for the use of the Oneida Indians. Between 1790 and 1795 he built the first bridge across the Mohawk at Little Falls and the old red grist-mill there; also built mills for Richard Van Horne at Van Horneville. And for Colonel Frey at Canajoharie; the court-house with its steeple at Herkimer, which was burned in January, 1834; a bridge over

East Canada Creek and a grist-mill, saw-mill and carding works about half a mile north of the present Mohawk turnpike. The building of the last-named bridge led to his settling in Manheim. The bridge was paid for by Montgomery county, and in order to get the necessary timber he purchased a one-hundred-acre lot west of the creek and near the bridge in March, 1794. Finishing the bridge, he erected the mills which were in operation in 1795. These improvements attracted emigrants, and by 1800 there was a lively settlement here; it became known as "the city." Besides the mills there were two stores, two taverns, a blacksmith shop, a nail factory, brewery, distillery, etc. There was more business done at Beardslee's Mills, as it was often called; than at Little Falls at the time in question. The location of the Mohawk turnpike half a mile south, and the subsequent building of the canal south of the river, turned the tide from this little village, as it did from many others in the valley, and almost every trace of the existence of "the city" has disappeared. In 1810 Mr. Beardslee purchased 350 acres lying on both sides of the creek and between his first purchase and the Mohawk, where sprang up the settlement of East Creek; and this, too, has now almost disappeared, as far as business is concerned. Mr. Beardslee died at his home October 3, 1825, leaving a permanent impress upon the town and its vicinity.

Augustus Beardslee was born in the town of Manheim August 13, 1801. After finishing his education at Fairfield Seminary and Union College he read law with Abram Van Vechten in Albany and with George H. Feeter in Little Falls, and was admitted to the bar December 27, 1824. In 1828 he was appointed by the governor one of the judges of the Common Pleas of Herkimer county. In 1834 he was elected to the Assembly, and in 1843 he was again appointed a judge of the Common Pleas. After his term of judgeship expired he retired to his country home at East Creek, in the town of Manheim, where he died on March 15, 1873, having spent the later years of his life with his books and in the management of his large landed estate.

James H. Wetherwax, born in this town November 29, 1829, was a prominent and successful farmer. He was elected supervisor in 1860, and held that office three successive terms. In 1867 he was chosen sheriff of the county, and in 1880 Governor Cornell appointed him one

of the State assessors. He died on his farm in Manheim, now occupied by his son, James F. Weatherwax, January 1, 1883.

Other improvements made in the town at a very early date were a saw-mill on the East Canada Creek, built in 1798 by Jacob Youran, and a grist-mill, erected by him in 1815, which continued in operation some forty years. Thomas Johnson built a saw-mill on Gillett Creek on the farm now owned by Charles Ransom about 1814. Other mills were started at different points, not one of which is in operation. Jacob Markell opened a small store near what became known as Manheim Center in 1790 (the vicinity of the present half-way house). He manufactured potash there, and a post-office was at one period established at that point.

There are no accessible records of the transactions of this town while it remained a part of Montgomery county. The first meeting after it was annexed to Herkimer county was held on the first Tuesday in March, 1818, when the following officers were elected:

Jacob Markell, supervisor; Jacob Wire, town clerk; John Youngs, Hanford Sherwood, Elijah Barnes, highway commissioners; Elijah Barnes, Samuel Gray, jr., Adam Feeter, assessors; Jacob Markell and Daniel Getman, overseers of poor; George G. Loucks, collector; Luther Pardee, Jacob Bates, Jacob Markell, school commissioners; Bennett Pearce, Charles Freeman, Elijah Ayres, Thomas Ransom, John G. Loucks, Elijah Barnes, school inspectors; William P. Schuyler, Harmanus Visgar, Joseph House, constables, and twenty-four overseers of highways.

Following is a list of supervisors of the town of Manheim from its organization to the present time:

Jacob Markell, 1797-1819, 1824-27; Luther Pardee, 1820-22; Lawrence Timmerman, 1823; Augustus Beardslee, 1828-29; John T. Timmerman, 1830; Daniel Hayes, 1831; Isaac S. Ford, 1832; Jacob Powell, 1833; John P. Snell, 1834-37, 1839; Suffrenus Snell, 1838; John Hoover, jr., 1840-41; John T. Beardslee, 1842; Jacob Youran, 1843-44, 1850; Nathan S. Green, 1845; John Markell, 1846-49; Oliver Ladue, 1851-52; Jeremiah G. Snell, 1853; Hiram Broat, 1854-55, 1867-71; Levi Bellinger, 1856-57; Luke Snell, 1858-59; James H. Wetherwax, 1860-62; Mergan Bidleman, 1863-64; S. Stewart Lansing, 1865-66; Michael Levee, 1872; Charles E. Bauder, 1873-75; Seymour Keyser, 1876; Norman Timmerman, 1877-78; John Garlock, 1879-81; Wm. A. Goodell, 1882-83; Hannibal Snell, 1884-85; Hiram Broat, 1886-87; Charles Cook, 1888; Thomas H. Curry, 1889-92.

Manheim is one of the best cheese-producing towns in the county, and a large share of the labor of farmers is devoted to that industry.

At the present time there are nine factories in operation, the first of which was built in 1864 by P. H. Smith, near Brockett's Bridge (Dolgeville). There are ten school districts in the town, two of them (at East Creek and Ingham's Mills) being joint districts with Oppenheim and St. Johnsville.

*The Village of Dolgeville.*—This, one of the most thriving villages in the State of New York, has gained a national reputation by the various industrial and other enterprises of Alfred Dolge, a public spirited citizen of German birth and parentage, after whom the place was named and who settled here in 1876.

Dolgeville lies in the spurs of the Adirondacks, on both sides of the East Canada Creek, and eight miles from Little Falls, with which it is now connected by railroad. The principal part of the village, which includes all the factories, post-office, schools, business blocks, etc., is situated in the northeast corner of the township of Manheim. Many handsome residences, the academy, the Episcopal church, the lumber yards, etc., lie on the further side of the creek in the township of Oppenheim, Fulton county.

Dolgeville is known as one of the most picturesque and healthful spots in the center of the State, and is especially adapted to manufacturing purposes by reason of its splendid water power, fine surrounding timber lands, and other valuable advantages.

Long after the Mohawk valley had been settled, principally by German emigrants, the present site of Dolgeville was one unbroken wilderness, known only to the hunter and trapper.

It was not until several years after the War of the Revolution that the surrounding farms were settled by the Faville, Ayres, Spencer, Ransom, Spofford, Lamberson, Brockett and Rundell families. John Faville was the pioneer and settled in 1795 on Ransom Creek, where he built a grist-mill and later a saw mill. Soon a little settlement sprang up there, including a blacksmith shop, a tannery and a school-house. Soon following Faville, the two brothers, Elijah and Nathaniel Spencer, bought land and settled here; they arrived as early as 1797, and their lands have remained in possession of their descendants until 1892.

Prior to this time a little industry was started at the present village site. Samuel Low, for many years a justice of the peace, built in or

before 1764, a saw-mill and a grist-mill, which were located between the site of Dolge's iron bridge and the upper boiler-house.

Zephi Brockett settled here in 1813, on the Oppenheim side of the creek, while the Spoffords came in about 1800; in the latter year Abe Spofford kept a tavern on the east side of the creek. Thomas Spofford settled in the south end of the village, and John D. Spofford came here in 1810, bought a large farm, and built later on the residence now owned by Philip Helmer.

There were no stores at this village until about 1830; the trading was done at Salisbury Corners, which was then a much more pretentious village than it is now. There was no direct road to Little Falls until 1815. Previous to that year, in order to reach that village, travelers followed a trail through the forest a part of the way, then took a road to Salisbury Corners, and thence the road to the Falls. Very much of the surrounding country was woodland until after 1825.

The first permanent bridge here across the East Canada Creek was built in 1805 by a man named Green, and the settlement was for some time known as "Green's Bridge." This was an open truss bridge, of spruce timber, which was displaced in 1818 by one built of elm timber. In 1826-29 the covered wooden bridge was erected by Calvin Ransom, at a cost of \$540. A substantial iron bridge has recently been erected.

A post-office was established here in 1826, with Zephi Brockett as postmaster; he was then the most prominent man in the settlement and the post-office was named in his honor, "Brockett's Bridge."

James P. Brockett, Charles G. Brockett, Addison Lamberson, Bruno C. Dolge, Henry A. Dolge and Frank J. Loucks have held the office of postmaster.

The first burying-ground in the vicinity was the Sherwood cemetery, where many early settlers are buried. The Hewitt cemetery contains the graves of many old residents. The present cemetery was opened about sixty years ago; enlarged in 1870, and again in 1889.

Following the saw-mill built by Low, Thomas Spofford built one and also a grist-mill, which were afterwards operated by the Ransoms, and by Erastus B. Jones; they stood near the west end of Dolge's

iron bridge. Before 1815 Reuben Ransom built a carding and cloth-finishing mill; it was torn down in 1836. He also built a small upper-leather tannery before 1820; work in which was abandoned about 1830.

In 1830 Major D. B. Winton came here and built the tannery, afterwards known as the Herkimer County Tannery; it became one of the largest in the United States. Dwelling houses were built and several smaller manufacturing establishments were started. Henry Van Buren manufactured lead pipe and carried on wood turning, and in 1831 the Westby axe factory was established. A saw-mill was erected by Scott & Smith, south of the island. John D. Spofford operated a saw-mill and later on a stave-mill a little north of the Loomer Hotel. Several stores were opened and the place was a busy one, particularly in the winter season. In December, 1845, the tannery was burned; it was rebuilt in the next year, the same walls being used. Mr. Westby's axe factory was converted by D. W. Slawson into a cheese box factory. A saw-mill was erected near the High Falls in 1847; it was afterwards changed to a paper-mill, which was twice burned down.

The tanning business here was carried on by the firm of Isaac Corse, of New York (later Corse, Lapham, Thorn & Co., and still later Watson & Thorn). In 1856 Oliver Ladue became the manager of the tannery and continued until 1861. With the failure of the bark supply he left the tannery and it ceased work entirely in 1872. From that time until the arrival of Alfred Dolge times here were very dull.

The real history of Dolgeville dates from 1874, when Alfred Dolge, a young German who was engaged in the importing of piano material in New York, and who also had started the domestic manufacture of piano felt in Brooklyn, came up here prospecting for spruce wood which is used in the manufacture of piano sounding boards. He purchased the tannery property, and in April, 1875, began his manufacturing operations, which have since developed into the largest of their kind in the United States and include felt mills, felt shoe factories, factories for piano cases, piano sounding boards, piano hammers and lumber yards.

The Dolge piano felt and felt shoes have obtained an international



reputation, the former having carried off the highest awards over all competition at the great exhibitions of Vienna, Paris and Philadelphia.

In 1879 the lumber factory was erected, and in 1881 the saw-mill and two stone boiler houses with large brick chimneys. In 1882-83 the magnificent stone factory, 266 x 64 feet, four stories high, was built. In 1887 two large stone buildings were erected. From 1878 to the present time several hundred dwelling houses have been built by Mr. Dolge, as well as by his employees and others, until now the population has reached over 2,000, from an insignificant 325 in 1875. The new iron bridge connecting the factories with the lumber yards, was opened in 1881, and in the same year electric light was put into the lumber mills, to be introduced in the streets and houses in 1887.

Besides some 30,000 acres in the Adirondacks, Mr. Dolge purchased, from time to time, extensive tracts of land in and about the village, which he has laid out into wide streets and excellent building lots.

In 1881, by unanimous vote of the inhabitants, the name of the place was changed from Brockett's Bridge to Dolgeville, in honor of the man who had by his enterprise and public spirit done so much to increase its prosperity and develop its material resources.

In 1887 Mr. Dolge purchased the Reuben Faville farm, which included the picturesque High Falls of the East Canada Creek. This, to the extent of nearly five hundred acres, he laid out as a park and presented it to the public in 1887. It is of extraordinary beauty and picturesqueness.

The village was incorporated in 1891. The first and present officers are: Alfred Dolge, president; Warren Bacon, Edwin Hopson, and L. E. Lambert, trustees.

The first schools in this vicinity were at John Faville's, on Ransom Creek, and at a place about a mile east of the site of the village on the State road. To both of these pupils went from a long distance around. The first school in the village was opened in 1815, and was taught by Susan Spofford, sister of John D. Spofford. A select school was kept before 1815 by Mrs. Worthing, wife of a Methodist preacher, who lived and taught in the old Small tannery. A brick school-house was built about 1832 on Main street and torn down in 1877. In 1856 the present old school building was erected at a cost of \$1,500. On the 3d of

August, 1886, largely through the influence of Alfred Dolge, the School Society was organized, its chief object being the general welfare of all the schools in the village. Through the work of this society, and a donation of \$7,000 from Mr. Dolge, the present handsome and commodious brick school building was erected at a cost of \$18,000, and dedicated with elaborate ceremonies on the 11th of October, 1887. This school has a principal, who is assisted by seven teachers. The efforts of the School Society have recently resulted in the establishment of another institution of equal importance as the new school. The Dolgeville Academy was dedicated on the 30th of August, 1890. It is a handsome structure, seventy-four by forty feet, and cost about \$20,000, which was contributed by Mr. Alfred Dolge, who has also borne the lion's share of the expense of running it. There are a large number of efficient teachers, headed by a principal. The course of instruction includes Latin and Greek, history, mathematics, English literature, music, domestic economy, and instruction in the mechanical arts, for which latter a suitable and commodious building has been recently erected.

The entire system of schools, which also includes an admirable kindergarten, is regarded as one of the best in the State, and has been repeatedly commended by the State officials. The tuition is free in the schools and in the academy to all members of the School Society. The dues are nominal. The children of outside residents can also secure the advantages of the academy course by the payment of small fees.

Through the enterprise of the *Dolgeville Herald*, aided by leading citizens and friends of the village, a number of valuable prizes are now offered each year to the students, the principal prize being a \$400 scholarship, open to both sexes, which runs for four years, to enable the successful student to enter a college course at Cornell, the Boston Technological School, or some other similar institution. One of these scholarships which have been founded by Mr. Alfred Dolge's liberality, is given every year.

The village has a fire department which, under the captaincy of Mr. Henry Dolge, has rendered invaluable services at various times to the property owners.

One of the distinguishing enterprises in the place is the *Dolgeville Herald*, which started in May, 1880, as a four page monthly, printed in New York, and has since developed into a sixteen-page illustrated weekly, with a circulation all over the State. It is printed with its own type and presses and employs a large number of persons. John C. Freund is the editor. It is published by the Dolgeville Herald Publishing Company. The subscription is \$2 a year.

Dolgeville boasts a number of fraternal and social societies, which are all in a flourishing condition: A Masonic lodge, a chapter of Royal Arcanum, Society of Chosen Friends, a brass and reed band, a German Turn-Verein, a singing society, a dancing school, a fencing club, and a canton of Odd Fellows.

In addition to these, Dolgeville has a building and loan association, which, although in operation but two years, is highly successful and has a capital of over \$12,000.

The Turn-Verein, which has *twice* gained the "Lion Prize" at the great State Turner meetings, has largely aided in providing pleasant entertainment for the villagers ever since its establishment. Its social meetings, concerts, and balls are eagerly looked forward to. It occupied a fine club house on Elm street, but this is being transformed into a factory, as the Turners have decided to build a new home, on a much larger scale, which is to cost \$15,000.

Another notable institution is the Free Library, which is under the fostering care of the School Society. The library contains one of the largest and best collections of standard works to be found in the State. It has large and commodious reading rooms. It is supplied by voluntary contributions, and has been established by generous donations of books from many public-spirited citizens all over the country.

Beside the various industries founded in this village by Alfred Dolge, and which give employment to nearly 600 hands, there are other business interests: The piano factory of Brambach & Co., located in the south end of the village, turns out a great many hundreds of high grade pianos during the year, and employs about 150 hands.

The Dolgeville Woolen Company manufactures fine grades of piano cloth, printer's cloth, etc. It employs about fifty hands and is situated at the junction of East Canada and Spruce Creeks. Hugo Dolge is president and Ottomar Jessnitzer, treasurer.

The Giese Wire Factory is located next to the Dolgeville Woolen Company, and manufactures all kinds of piano wire, bookbinder's and florist's wire, bicycle spokes, etc. It started recently with about thirty hands.

The C. F. Zimmerman Company manufactures a musical instrument similar to the German zither, called the auto-harp. It was recently removed from Philadelphia, and has a paid-up capital of \$100,000. It employs a great number of hands.

The manufacture of piano cases is assuming large proportions, and in 1893 there will be an output of over 2,000.

Negotiations are now in progress by which a large silk mill, a machine shop, a woolen factory, a foundry, and a brickyard will all be started here in 1893.

The Dolgeville Coal Company was started in 1892 with a cash capital of \$20,000. It has built large coal sheds, with all the latest appliances, near the terminus of the Dolgeville Railroad.

The Dolgeville Electric Light and Power Company was organized in 1891 with a cash capital of \$25,000. At its first annual meeting it declared a dividend of six per cent.

Wheeler Knapp carries on a steam saw and planing-mill, which he built in 1885; it was burned in 1886, and rebuilt. There is also a cheese factory located here.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Brockett's Bridge was organized in 1811, and a church edifice was built in the same year on grounds donated by John D. Spofford. It was a frame structure and for many years was used as a Masonic Temple and Good Templars' Hall; it is now in use as a barn. In 1841 a brick church was erected here by the Christian denomination and used by them about twenty years, when the Methodist society purchased it. The present pastor is Rev. William Watson. A Free church was erected in 1856, through the efforts of abolitionists; it is now in use as a skating rink. An Episcopal chapel was organized in 1891, and recently a handsome church was built on Dolge avenue. A Universalist society was organized in 1892 and is in flourishing condition. Roman Catholic services are held here at intervals, and the members of that church purpose the erection of a chapel in the near future. There are now located at Dolgeville ten

general merchandise and grocery stores, a bank, four butcher shops, one firm of contractors, two hardware stores, one dry goods store, two boot and shoe stores, one grist-mill, one feed store, two watchmakers, three insurance agents, two civil engineers, three physicians, two dentists, one lawyer, two blacksmith shops, four hotels, seven saloons and liquor stores and two bottling establishments.

The opening of the railroad between Little Falls and Dolgeville in the winter of 1892 has given a new impetus to the rapid development of the little village, and with the new enterprises which have recently been started will undoubtedly largely increase its population. The road has been in course of construction for the last three years and cost nearly a half million of dollars. By it Dolgeville has direct communication with New York, Boston and Chicago.

Perhaps the feature of life at Dolgeville which has most attracted general public attention to it is the "Earning Sharing" system, which Mr. Dolge has had in operation with his employees for the last sixteen years. This system comprises an insurance plan and endowment fund, a pension fund and is supplemented by a sick fund and mutual aid society. By the insurance plan employees after each five, ten and fifteen years of consecutive service, get a policy of insurance for \$1,000. The firm pays the premiums. The amount of insurance carried by the firm for its employees was in December, 1892, over \$200,000.

By the pension plan employees after various terms of service can retire on from forty to one hundred per cent. of the wages earned the last year of their service.

By the endowment fund employees are annually credited with their share of all money earned by them over and above their wages by superior skill, accuracy or the invention of new machinery or improvement. This sum draws six per cent interest and is paid them when sixty years of age, or to their families at their death.

In his various plans for the welfare of his employees Mr. Dolge has already expended over a quarter of a million dollars.

The story of Dolgeville is a romance. That out of a forlorn little settlement of scarcely 300 souls on the verge of the great Adirondack wilderness a prosperous, intelligent and law abiding community of over 2,000 persons, with leading industries, excellent schools, a widely read

newspaper, a railroad, have all been built up within a few years in the face of the most tremendous obstacles, by a young German who landed in this country without a dollar and ignorant of our language, is surely something of which Herkimer county, and indeed the State of New York, can be proud. Dolgeville has been the life work of one broad minded, public spirited man of ceaseless energy, vast enterprise and most indomitable industry. That he was aided by many others firm of purpose, strong in character and distinguished in ability, is undoubted, but it was the conspicuous qualities that made Alfred Dolge a born leader of men, that attracted such men to him, enlisted their sympathy, aroused their enthusiasm and bound them to him with something more than the ordinary bond of self-interest and personal advancement.

*Ingham's Mills.*—This small village is situated on East Canada Creek, near the southwestern part of the town. The first improvements made at this point were by Colonel William Feeter, who built a saw and grist-mill about the year 1802. The grist-mill is still standing and in operation, and is one of the oldest mills in the county. Adam Feeter, son of William, settled here also, and took the mills after his father. Alonzo Ingham settled here in 1808, and built a carding and cloth-dressing mill adjoining the grist-mill. Harvey Ingham came here in 1820, and from him the place takes its name. The first store was kept by Thompson & McAllister in 1818. In 1842 Samuel Sadler came to the place and bought the mills of H. H. Ingham, and from him the grist mill passed into possession of his son, J. D. Sadler, who now runs it, and also a store. The carding-mill was changed to a cider-mill. An oil-mill for the manufacture of linseed oil was conducted by Ezra and Howard Sampson, and later by D. S. Ingham. The saw-mill was changed to a cheese-box factory and is now operated by J. B. Sadler, who also keeps a hotel. The wood bridge here was built by Calvin Ransom in 1829, and the iron bridge in 1889. The post-office was established in 1862, with Erastus Ingham as postmaster; the present postmaster is Merrill Guile.

A Baptist society was organized here in 1818, and Rev. Augustus Beach was the first pastor. Meetings were held in the school-house near by, and over in Oppenheim, until 1841, when the present stone

church was erected. On the 10th of January, 1842, a society was regularly incorporated, with the following trustees: Nathan Brown, Joseph Hewett, John P. Claus, George S. Allen, Leonard L. Bauder, Harvey Ingham, David Snell, Henry Shaul, and Stephen Bowen. The church has always maintained services with reasonable regularity. Rev. J. G. Guller is the present pastor.

In 1856 a Methodist society built a church in district No. 5, and irregular preaching has been kept up.

Several years previous to the Revolution Suffrenus, Peter, Joseph and Jacob Snell, of Snell's Bush, made a donation of seven acres of land for a church lot and twelve acres for school purposes. A church was built there and burned in the Revolution, but was afterwards rebuilt. It stood until 1850, when it was taken down and the present edifice erected; it is known as the Reformed Dutch church. The school-house in that district occupies the school lot, but eleven and one half acres of the latter were transferred by the Legislature to the church. Rev. Caleb Alexander made a missionary tour through the county in 1801, and wrote: "Between Fairfield and Little Falls is a Dutch settlement called Manheim; rich farms, a meeting-house and a minister."

On September 1, 1821, a religious society was incorporated at Remensneider's Bush, under the name of the German Evangelical Society of the County of Herkimer. In 1822 a frame church was built on six acres of land donated by persons of the Lutheran and Reformed denominations. Rev. John P. Spinner was pastor of this society at the time of its organization. The name of the society was changed in 1847 to the Dutch Reformed and Lutheran Union Church. The building was remodeled and improved in 1853.

## CHAPTER XVI.

## THE TOWN OF DANUBE.

THE town of Danube was not formed until April 17, 1817, previous to which time it was a part of the town of Minden, Montgomery county; but it was settled almost as early as any part of Herkimer county. Previous to March 18, 1828, it embraced what is now the town of Stark. It is bounded on the north by the Mohawk River; on the east by the town of Minden, Montgomery county; on the south by Stark, and on the west by Little Falls. Along its northern border are the river flats, but the central and southern parts are hilly, rising from 400 to 800 feet above the Mohawk, and broken by ravines on both sides of Nowadaga Creek. The soil in the northern part is a gravelly loam, inclining to sandy loam in the southern parts. It is well adapted to grazing. Nowadaga Creek is the principal stream, and flows across the town in a northeasterly direction, with a rapid fall. Loyal Creek and other small streams are tributary to it. There are several springs in the town that are impregnated with sulphur. The town embraces nearly the whole of Lindsay's patent and parts of Vrooman's, Colden's, Van Horne's, and Lansing's patents, with small portions of Fall Hill, Vaughn's, and L'Honmedieu's patents.

The town will always be memorable in history as containing the site of the upper Mohawk Indian Castle, the home of the celebrated Mohawk chief, King Hendrick, and the home and tomb of General Nicholas Herkimer. The site of the Castle was just east of the Nowadaga Creek, a little distance from the river, and near where the old Castle church now stands.<sup>1</sup> Hendrick's residence stood upon elevated ground immediately in the rear of the site of the residence now occupied by Willis L. Greene, opposite the Castle church.

<sup>1</sup> The following description of the fort was written in 1800: "It is a square of four bastions, of upright pickets, joined together with lintels. They are fifteen feet high, about one foot square, with port holes inserted from distance to distance, with a stage all round to fire from. The fort is one hundred paces on each side. It is surrounded with a ditch. There are some small pieces of cannon at each of its bastions, and a house at each curtain to serve as a store and barrack. Five or six families of Mohawk Indians reside at the fort."



The Indian Castle church is one of three mission churches built several years previous to the Revolution under the auspices of Sir William Johnson. It was built in 1769. In 1772 Sir William speaks of having erected a church at his own expense at "the Canajoharies" (alluding to this church), and laments that it is in great measure useless, in consequence of his not being able to secure a missionary for it. The building is still standing and used for a church, with the original bell in the steeple, and is one of the most interesting historical structures in the county. When first built it stood sidewise to the road; but about 1830 the old boards were torn off and replaced with new; a new roof was put on, the steeple slightly changed, and some interior alterations made, and in 1856 it was turned round to its present position, and altered and improved at a cost of about \$1,600.

General Herkimer's residence is situated about two and a half miles east of Little Falls, south of the river, near the canal, and within a few feet of the West Shore railroad. Built of brick imported from Hol-



THE GENERAL HERKIMER HOMESTEAD.

land about the year 1764, it is a large substantial edifice for its time and cost about \$8,000. There is a secret underground passage connecting with a stone powder-house near-by, which is used at the present time for storing vegetables. Its original external appearance remains as at first, but the interior has been considerably changed. After the death of General Herkimer it came into possession of George Herkimer, who occupied it until his

death in 1786. He left seven children, who inherited the estate, the mansion falling to John Herkimer, who resided there until about 1814, when he transferred it to other hands. It is now in the possession of Mrs. Gertrude Bidleman Garlock, and occupied by a tenant. General

Herkimer was buried on a knoll a short distance southeast of his residence. Steps were taken in 1777 by Congress to have a monument erected over the grave, but it is a melancholy fact that until 1847, no stone marked the brave soldier's resting place. A plain marble slab was then put up by the late Warren Herkimer, bearing the following inscription :

General  
Nicholas Herkimer,  
died  
Aug. 17, 1777,

Ten days after the battle of Oriskany, in which engagement he  
received wounds which caused his death.

At the time of the division of this town, March 18, 1828, Daniel Van Horne was supervisor. The records of the town previous to that date are not accessible. The first (special) town meeting for the reorganization of Danube was held on the 22d of April, 1828, at the house of Charles Pomeroy, and the following officers were elected :

Supervisor, Dr. John Helmer; town clerk, Benjamin Klock; assessors, Louis Reed, Henry C. Cronkhite; overseer of poor, George Dominick; commissioner of highways, William Bush; school commissioner, Daniel Bellinger; inspectors of schools, Ralph Simms, Henry Perry; constables, Henry Hardendorf, Nathan P. Wilcox, Joseph M. Thompson; collector, George N. Schuyler.

Following is a list of supervisors of this town, with date of their incumbency :

John Holmes, 1828, 1838; Henry Moyer, 1829, 1834; John Harder, 1830; Asa Wilcox, 1831, 1844; Daniel Bellinger, 1832, 1852; John Richtmeyer, 1833; Ralph Simms, 1835; Nicholas Schuyler, 1836; Thomas I. Mesick, 1837; Abram Snyder, 1839; Philip Jones, 1840, 1853, 1854; Elias Fink, 1841; Caleb Kosboth, 1842; John Harder, jr., 1843; John Shull, 1845; Peter P. Smith, 1846; Abraham Owen, 1847; Henry Hought, 1848, 1860-61; John A. Holmes, 1849; David Johnson, 1850-51; William Davy, 1855; John Smith, 1856, 1863, 1864; P. Henry Miller, 1857; Henry Miller, 1858-59; Jacob Walter, 1862; John J. Ostrander, 1865; Levenus Devendorf, 1866-67; Calvin Harder, 1868-69; Alexander Fox, 1870; Luther Dillenback, 1871; Stephen G. Spoor, 1872, 1873; Alvin Decker, 1874-75; Daniel Cronkhite, 1876-77; Edwin Decker, 1878, 1879; John M. Gardinier, 1880; Sanford Johnson, 1881-84; I. H. Seeber, 1885, 1886; E. V. Decker, 1887, 1888; Felix Schuyler, 1889, 1890; William Tibbitts, 1891, 1892.

The men above mentioned were chiefly early settlers, and the accompanying list of supervisors contains the names of many others who in

the past were more or less conspicuous in the affairs of the town. Peter P. Smith is still living at the age of ninety-two years. John A. Holmes, supervisor in 1849, was a farmer at the Castle, as was his father in earlier years.

The first settlers in the town were German Palatines, who located on the flats along the river. These settlements were considerably broken up during the Revolution, and very little is known in detail of the prisoners. Cornelius Van Alstine came in very early and kept the first tavern in 1795, and Peter Smith opened a store at about the same time. The first grist-mill was near the mouth of Nowadaga Creek on the east side, and was erected by Andrew Nellis in 1800. The first settlers in the vicinity of Newville were Nathan Wilcox and his brother Isaiah, who came from Connecticut about 1793 and located where the hamlet is now situated. The next settler in the southern part was a German named Martin Siver, who located about two miles south of Wilcox, near the place now occupied by R. M. Pickard. John Harder came from Columbia county to this town about 1797, and settled on the farm now owned by S. G. Spoor, south of Newville; he died in 1866 and has descendants in the town. William Ostrander was an early settler in the southeastern part; he came in 1801 and located on the farm now occupied by his grandson, William. He kept a public house on that farm for several years previous to 1828, and continued his residence there until his death in 1847. Cornelius Delong settled early on the farm now occupied by his great-grandson, C. E. Delong. Thomas I. Mesick came from Columbia county in 1818 and settled on the farm now occupied by his son Henry, where he resided until his death in March, 1868. He was a captain in the war of 1812.

Edward Simms, son of Ralph Simms, who was clerk of the county at one time, was born in this town, where he resided many years. He removed a few years since to the town of Manheim. Anson Harder, now a practicing lawyer in Jefferson county, was also born in this town.

The town of Danube is now largely a dairy community, there being five factories in operation at the present time. Many of the farms will compare favorably in production, buildings, etc., with any in the county. There is very little manufacturing or mercantile business now carried on. The only village is Newville, which is situated about four

miles from the Mohawk River, on the Nowadaga Creek, at the foot of Ostrander Hill. The post-office was established about 1827, with Benjamin Klock as postmaster. The present postmaster is Silas W. Wright. The settlement of the two Wilcox brothers at this point has already been noticed. Samuel Houpt came from Pennsylvania in 1804 and in the same year erected a grist-mill on the west side of the creek. He soon afterward built and operated a fulling and carding-mill here. Andrew Carpenter built about the year 1805 a small tannery, which stood on the site of the hotel, now the dwelling of F. F. Lewis. The first blacksmith was John McMullin, who began business about 1806. The first store was built and kept by Andrew Oothout, and it stood near the present residence of David Harrad. Other early merchants were Henry Lieber and Henry Gross. The latter also carried on a small distillery here and a tannery. All of these have disappeared. Mr. Lewis now operates the saw and grist mill at Newville. There is a station on the West Shore Railroad called Indian Castle, and a post-office (Danube) which is in charge of Mrs. Abbie Smith.

The first school-house was of logs and was built about 1798 on the farm recently occupied by Alvin Decker. It was burned in 1806 and a frame house built soon afterwards. There are now nine school districts in the town and two parts of districts, with nine school-houses.

A Methodist society formerly existed at the Castle and held meetings in the Castle church, but it became extinct about 1840. A Dutch Reformed society was organized there in 1860 and for about fifteen years kept up its services with commendable regularity, but it has nearly died out. The Union church at Newville was erected in 1835 by the Lutheran, Baptist and Universalist societies. In 1867 it underwent thorough repair and received a new bell and an organ. The Baptist and Lutheran societies are extinct. The Evangelical Lutheran church of Newville was organized in the school-house by Rev. Lambert Swackhamer, of Manheim, in July, 1834, with eight male members. Among the pastors who have served the church are Mr. Swackhamer, J. D. Lambert, Suffrenus Oltman, Nicholas Van Alstine, M. W. Empie, Conrad Ochampaugh, and James H. Weaver. The society is small. A Dutch Reformed church once existed in the southern part of the town, which was probably organized as early as 1816. There are no records of its life in existence.

## CHAPTER XVII.

## THE TOWN OF STARK.

THIS is the southeastern town of Herkimer county and, with one exception, the latest one organized, the date being March 18, 1828, when it was taken from Danube. It contains parts of Henderson's, L'Hommedieu's, Vaughn's, McNeil's, J. Vrooman's, Colden's, Livingston's and Lansing's patents. The town derived its name from General Stark, of Revolutionary fame. In 1868 there were taken from Little Falls and added to this town 1,600 acres, and in 1869 300 acres were taken from Warren and added to it. The soil is a clay loam, fertile and well adapted to dairying and the raising of grain.

The town of Stark is somewhat noted for its unusual natural features. Its surface is hilly and broken and the Otsquago Creek flows between high banks across the town in a northeasterly direction. It has its headwaters in the vicinity of Van Hornesville, 940 feet above the Mohawk at Fort Plain, where it empties into that river. This great fall has in past years furnished excellent water-power for many mills of various kinds. Marble of fair quality has been quarried near Smith's Corners, in the northern part. There are several important springs in the town, among them the burning spring in the upper part of the valley of Otsquago Creek, near Van Hornesville. The water of this spring is not clear, has an offensive odor, and emits a gas which will ignite and burn with an unsteady, bluish flame. There are springs near the hamlet of Bethel, in the northwestern part, that are impregnated with iron and are efficacious in some diseases. A sulphur spring is situated near Starkville, and others in various parts of the town, the waters of which have the reputation of curing diseases.

The Oheisa Creek rises on the farm of M. Walts in the southwest part of the town and flows in a general northerly direction into the town of Danube. Along this creek is a deep and picturesque gorge.

Near the mills formerly owned by Daniel Tilyou, about a mile below Van Hornesville, is a cave of quite remarkable characteristics, although it has never been explored in its remote depths.

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One of the old Indian trails passed through the town from the Mohawk, following nearly the line of the Utica and Minden turnpike, until it reached Van Hornesville, when it bore southward until it reached the "Chyle," where it intersected another trail.

The first settlement of this town was made near the headwaters of the Otsquago Creek prior to the Revolution. Another settlement was made on or near the line of this town and Springfield at about the same time; but it was probably just outside of Herkimer county. The settlers on the creek were the Shaul, the Bronner (or Broner), Jacob and Frederick, John Feterly (or Fetherly) and George Feterly, and the Johannes Smith families. Richard Shaul owned the farm settled by Jacob Bronner and married one of Bronner's descendants. Hiram Ward married a descendant of Frederick Bronner and lived on the farm located by Mr. Bronner. George and John Fetherly settled near Van Hornesville, and Matthew, Sebastian, and John Shaul settled on the farm recently owned by D. H. Springer in the western part of the town. John was a Revolutionary soldier, and late in the fall of 1778 the three brothers were captured by a party of sixteen Indians under Brant. Reaching the foot of Schuyler Lake the party divided and five of the Indians took the Shaul boys to Newton (now Elmira), where they remained until the arrival of the Sullivan expedition, when they were taken to Canada. They were recaptured after an attempted escape and were about to be killed, when a British officer secured their release by paying \$25 each for them, and they returned to Stark. David Shaul, great-grandson of John, now owns the old homestead, and Minard Shaul owns the homestead of Matthew. In the fall of 1781 the little settlement in Stark was destroyed by Brant and his Indians and Tories. Jacob Bronner, his son Christian and daughter Sophronia, were among the prisoners taken. The father and son were soon liberated, but the daughter was kept twelve years. Her whereabouts was made known by Jacob Eckler after his release, and she was finally returned to her relatives.

The Elwood family are of English descent and settled here early. Richard, with his wife and two children, came to the Mohawk valley near St. Johnsville in 1748, where he built a stone dwelling which is still standing. A few years later he died, leaving four sons, Richard,

Isaac, Benjamin, and Peter, all of whom were conspicuous in the early history of the valley. Senator A. R. Elwood, late of Richfield Springs, was a descendant of Richard Elwood. Col. Henry Elwood, who lived for many years in the town of Danube, was a son of Peter Elwood. Peter Elwood, the youngest son, died on his farm in 1831, at the age of seventy seven years. David Elwood, son of Peter, settled in Danube about the year 1813, and remained until his death in 1859. He was a prominent citizen and left four sons, Daniel, Henry, Moses, and David B.

Richard Van Horne, from whom the village of Van Hornesville is named, was a native of New Jersey, and came to the site of the village in 1791. There he, with his brother Daniel, began mercantile trade, and soon built mills and engaged in the flouring business on what was then a large scale; their flour was taken to Fort Plain, whence the Western Inland Lock and Navigation Company took it down the Mohawk to market. This business increased and for many years the Van Horne brothers were the largest wheat and produce buyers in this section. Richard Van Horne was a member of the Legislature in 1809-10 and in 1812, and his political influence was great. He died at Van Hornesville in March, 1823.

Dr. Willsey was the first physician in the town and settled on what is known as Willsey Hill, in the southeastern part, in 1797. Simeon Conklin, the first blacksmith, settled north of Van Hornesville in 1798.

The first town meeting for the town of Stark was held at the house of Andrew Smith, March 28, 1828, when the following officers were elected:

Supervisor, Daniel Van Horne; town clerk, Cornelius W. Vedder; collector, George J. Young; overseers of the poor, James Winegar and Jacob S. Moyer; assessors, Cornelius Sloughier, Robert Johnson, and J. H. Walrath; commissioners of highways, Frederick Smith, John Kinter, and Adam Shaul; inspectors of common schools, Peter P. Murphy, Stephen Halstead, and Richard Conklin; school commissioners, Frederick Broner, William Watson, and Jacob P. Shaver; constables, William Gibson, Felix Broner, jr., and John Fulmer.

By the date last mentioned the town had become quite thickly settled and much of it cleared. Among others more or less prominent in its early history were George Springer, who lived at Starkville; William H. Parkhill, who was supervisor in 1841; Cornelius Sloughier, who lived

two miles north of Van Hornesville; Truman Miner, supervisor in 1848, who settled three miles north of Van Hornesville; Levi Weeks, supervisor for many years, who settled east of Van Hornesville; Sylvester H. Ellsworth, supervisor in 1862, who lived a mile east of Starkville; Alexander Smith, still living at Starkville, at one time sheriff of the county; Menzo Kelly, of Van Hornesville, and others yet to be mentioned.

The town of Stark is now essentially a dairy district, the manufacture of cheese being the principal industry. Hops have been raised to a large extent and considerable attention is still given to that product. Stark ranks among the very best of the fruit sections in the county, while the production of honey has formed a not unimportant part of the town productions. At the present time there are six cheese factories in operation in the town, and the product stands high in the market.

The first school was taught at Starkville by Mills Bristol, in the first school-house built in the town, as far as now known. The school-house was built in 1802 on the south side of the Otsquaga Creek, on the flat opposite Abraham Maxwell's blacksmith shop. There are now ten school districts in the town.

Following is a list of supervisors of this town, with date of their incumbency:

1828, Daniel Van Horne; 1829-30, Elisha Sawant; 1831 James Winegar; 1832, 1834, 1838, 1845, 1846, 1855, C. T. E. Van Horne; 1833, David Elwood; 1839, Solomon Keller; 1840, 1853, 1854, 1856, George Springer; 1841, William S. Parkhill; 1842, Cornelius Sloughter; 1843-44, Frederick Bronner; 1847-48, Truman Miner; 1849, H. A. Casposas; 1850, Alexander Hall; 1851-52, 1857-58, 1866, Levi Wick; 1859-60, 1863, Richard Van Horne; 1861, Daniel Shall; 1862, Sylvester H. Ellsworth; 1864-65, Alexander Smith; 1867-68, Menzo Kelley; 1869, Alexander Smith; 1870-71, Jacob A. Fikes; 1872-73, Peter Moyer; 1874-75, Oliver H. Springer; 1876, Joseph Shumway; 1877-79, S. H. Ellsworth; 1880-81, Daniel Hawn; 1882-83, Willard Weeks; 1884-85, Oliver H. Springer; 1886-87, Lewis G. Young; 1888, Charles A. Elwood; 1889-90, Gershom Smith; 1891-92, Delavan Elwood.

*Van Hornesville* — Is a pleasant small village, situated near the south side of the town. The first settlement was made here by Thomas Van Horne, who was a sergeant in Capt. Henry Eckler's company of Revolutionary soldiers. The coming here of Richard Van Horne has been noted; he built the first grist-mill in 1793 and a distillery in the same year; in 1794 he built and opened a store.

It was a busy little place in early years, the creek supplying excellent water power, and the old plank road from Fort Plain to Cooperstown being built through the village. Cornelius Ten Eyke Van Horne was clerk of the county in 1856. In 1836 a cotton factory was built and put in operation by Elias Braman & Co. It is not now in use. The flax and cider-mill of James Cramer is on the site of an old carding and fulling-mill. The present grist-mill, owned by Byron Hollenbeck, stands on the site of the early Van Horne mill. A furnace was built in 1827 by Mr. Stansell, which is now owned by Joseph Tunnickliff; it is not in operation. What was recently a furniture manufacturing establishment stands on the site of a distillery that was built in 1840. The saw-mills here are owned by O. N. Young and Daniel Tilyou. In 1800 Jonathan Conklin built the first tannery in the town at this place; it was known as Kershaw's tannery in recent years, but has not been operated for some time. There was a trip-hammer also in operation here in 1800, but that long ago went to decay. The present postmaster at Van Hornesville is Lewis Eckler. E. M. Snyder has a store which he has conducted since 1890, succeeding J. Wettereau. J. M. Wiles is another merchant, and Joseph H. Shumway formerly carried on a store here for many years. The two hotels are kept respectively by J. W. Kinter and Orange Tunnickliff; the old house was built about 1854 by Wellington Tunnickliff. E. P. Marsh has a blacksmith shop and Adelbert Tunnickliff a wagon shop.

*Starkville*—The only other considerable village in this town, is situated near the northeast corner at the confluence of Otsquago and Camp Creeks, and at the junction of the old Fort Plain and Cooperstown and the Utica and Minden turnpikes. The site of the village was settled in 1788 by Johan (or Johannes) Smith, who built the first frame house here; he was the great grandfather of Alexander Smith, still living at Starkville, and the house stood on the site of his present residence. Daniel Champion was another early settler here, coming in 1768; Barney Champion was his grandson, and the house built by the pioneer stood where the widow of the latter lives. Daniel Champion built the first saw-mill in 1800; it stood on the south side of the creek, about half a mile west of the village near the Alexander Hall place. John Champion opened the first store in 1810 on the site now occupied by the

dwelling of Abraham Maxwell. Mr. Champion also built the first grist-mill in 1812, which stood where Martin Mathews now lives. In 1814 Jesse Brown built a carding-mill where the flax-mill stands. The first tavern was kept by Johannes Smith, who located at Starkville in 1788. After his death, which occurred in 1796, Andrew Smith conducted it until 1844, on the site where Alexander Smith now lives. In 1823 John Champion built a trip-hammer shop where the widow of Alexander Hall now owns. Robert C. Hall began keeping a store here in 1863 in association with his father, John R., who was one of the early merchants; the latter died in 1883. Mr. Hall is postmaster, having had the office two terms. The present hotel was built by John A. and J. Walrath, and is kept by Henry Husen. L. J. Brandow is one of the enterprising citizens of Starkville and has a large wagon manufactory. The grist-mill and saw-mill are operated by Abraham De Garmo. There was in former years a tannery here, but it has fallen into decay.

A busy little hamlet existed at what is known as Brown's Hollow in early years; but most of its activity has died out. The place was founded by Judge Henry Brown, who brought considerable wealth to the place and established mills and several industries, all of which have gone into disuse and decay, excepting the saw-mill.

*Deck*—Is the name of a post-office in the northern part of the town; the office is a recently established one, with Alanson Young, the local merchant, as postmaster. This point has been known as Bethel and as Wick's Corners. There is a union church here, but no regular services are held. Peter Chickering is a blacksmith here.

*Smith's Corners*—Is a settlement a little west of Deck, where there was formerly a tannery, which is not operated now, a saw-mill and a store. Alexander Fort is now the merchant here.

*Churches*.—In the early part of this century religious services were held in this town, usually by Methodist circuit riders, who formed classes, and later societies. One of these was organized early at Starkville, and in February, 1829, they took up steps to build an edifice. The society was incorporated under the name of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Starkville, and the building erected continued in use for about forty-five years. In 1874 it was thoroughly remodeled at an expense of \$3,400. The society has never been large, but it is and has been en-

thusiastic in its good work. The present pastor is Seward L. Littlefield. The Methodist society at Van Hornesville has also had a long existence, and the union edifice at that place was built in 1847, the Methodists having an interest in it with the Baptists and Universalists. The pastor of the M. E. church has always served at both places. S. R. Ward is the present pastor of the Universalists at Van Hornesville. There was a Universalist society organized at Starkville in 1876 with the following trustees: A. B. Champion, Henry Hawn, M. C. Smith, O. H. Springer. A. B. Champion and Washington Champion were then the only members of the Free Will Baptist church at that place, and being trustees of that society and owning an equal share in the old church with the Lutherans, they gave a deed, June 5, 1876, of their right and title in said church to Alexander Smith and Daniel Hawn for the benefit of the Universalist society. No services are held in this church at the present time.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### THE TOWN OF WARREN.

WARREN is the most southerly town in Herkimer county, and received its name in honor of General Joseph Warren, who fell at the battle of Bunker Hill. It was taken from German Flats on the 5th of February, 1796, and originally contained all of the present town of Columbia. A small tract was taken from it and added to Stark in 1869. It is bounded on the north by German Flats and Little Falls; on the east by Stark and Otsego county; on the south by Otsego county, and on the west by Columbia and Otsego county. It embraces the principal parts of Henderson's and Theobald Young's patents.

Among the German settlements made a considerable distance south of the Mohawk River before the Revolution, was one at Andrustown, composed of Germans from the upper valley, and another at the Little Lakes, both of which were within the present town of Warren. These will be more fully described a little further on.

The surface of Warren is upland, several ranges of hills traversing the town from east to west, one of which constitutes a part of the watershed between the Mohawk and Susquehanna rivers. Fish Creek flows southward across the town, and along its banks in early years were many saw-mills, a grist-mill, four tanneries and many other industries, every one of which has disappeared. The Little Lakes are two small bodies of water near the south part of the town, which are fed by two small streams, which also supplied power to several mills long ago. Mud Lake is in the northeastern part of the town, and Weaver Lake is another small body of water. The soil is a rich clay loam and nearly all susceptible to cultivation; but dairying is the chief industry, and there are now six cheese factories in the town. The shipping of milk to New York by rail is beginning and promises to increase.

The German settlement at Andrustown was about two miles northeast from the site of Jordanville. This settlement included, so far as can be learned, the families of Paul Crim, George Hoyer, John Osterhout, George Staring, Frederick Bell, Stephen Frank, Frederick Lepper, and probably a few others. Little is known of the settlement, or of that at the Little Lakes until 1758, when some of the residents fled from the French and Indians, who in that year devastated the Mohawk valley. At the close of that war they returned and rebuilt their despoiled homes. From this time until the War of the Revolution there is little record of what was done at the points in consideration. Powers, mentioned as one of the settlers, was an Englishman and adhered to the royal cause. Being ordered to leave the settlement, he took his family to Canada, and returned and joined the tories under Brant. The settlement at Little Lakes, then known as Young's Settlement, was also a tory neighborhood, among the dwellers there being George House. On the 18th of July, 1778, Powers and House guided Brant and his savage band to Andrustown, and there on a beautiful morning the wretches burned every building and killed many of the settlers, among these Mr. Bell and his son. Most of the men, women and children were either killed or taken prisoners, except the families of Crim, Hoyer and Osterhout, who escaped to the fort at Herkimer. Horses and cattle were driven off and the orchards leveled to the ground. A pursuing party was made up when the news reached Fort Herkimer, which went



down to bury the dead and punish the enemy. After burying the bodies found, they proceeded to the tory settlement at Little Lakes and destroyed it. Two of the sons of Frederick Lepper were absent at the time of the raid, and a part of the family of George Staring escaped. A young son of Mr. Bell was kept in Canada ten years and then returned. Descendants of several of these pioneers still live in the vicinity of the site of Andrustown. The centennial anniversary of this event was appropriately and successfully celebrated in July, 1878. Many prominent residents of Herkimer and adjoining counties were present at Jordanville, where a stage was erected in a grove. A procession was formed; public speakers of note addressed the assemblage, among them being the late Samuel Earl, M. A. McKee, A. M. Mills, G. M. Cleland, and others.

The second settlement in the present town of Warren made prior to the Revolution, was in 1765, when the families of Henry Eckler, his son of the same name, Jacob Haberman, Michael Snyder, and Andrew Young located at what is known as the Chyle, formerly called "Youngsfield." This settlement, to which had been added a few other families, was attacked by Brant and his followers in the fall of 1781, and the entire settlement was burned. Two of Mr. Eckler's sons were killed and scalped, and a third was carried away a prisoner. Henry Eckler held the office of captain in the Revolutionary army and performed heroic service. The old homestead has been handed down to his descendants to the present time.

After the close of the Revolution, settlers began to come into the town from New England. Among them was Samuel Cleland, who came in 1786. He had been a quartermaster in the Revolution. His sons, who came with him, were Norman, Salmon, Martin, Moses, and Jonas. Hon. George M. Cleland, an ex-sheriff, was a son of Jonas. David Mixer came in early from Massachusetts, and Anthony Devoe came in 1798. Dr. Rufus Crain, one of the very early physicians in the town, came before 1798 and was a prominent citizen. He located at what is now Cullen (formerly called Crain's Corners), where the homestead is still owned by his descendants. John Marshall came to the town in 1808 and settled near the Little Lakes; he lived to be ninety-eight years old. Other early settlers were Thomas C. Shoe-

maker, David Belshaw, Ephraim Tisdale, Gurdon Lathrop, Abel Millington, Samuel Bloomfield, Moses and Leonard Shaul, John W. Tunnick, James Maxfield, and others elsewhere mentioned.

Morris Fikes was born in the town of Warren in 1846. He completed his legal studies in the office of Judge Hardin at Little Falls, and after being admitted opened an office in Herkimer, where he died April 16, 1874. He was a bright, promising young lawyer. His son Maurice may follow his father's footsteps in the profession. He is now being educated at Syracuse University.

The first town meeting in Warren was held at the house of Daniel Caswell, on the 5th of April, 1796, when the following officers were chosen :

Supervisor, William B. Mix ; town clerk, Samuel Ingham ; assessors, Timothy Frank, Joel Reynolds, Isaac Freeman, John Osterhout, and Caleb Woodward ; commissioners of highways, John Mills, Daniel Talcott, and Philip Cook ; overseers of the poor, Jacob Petrie and Warren Mack ; school commissioners, Luke Warren, Nathaniel Ludington, and Benjamin Cary ; collectors, Oliver Warren and George Edick.

Following is a list of supervisors of this town, with date of their incumbency :

In 1796, William B. Mix ; 1797, Francis Hawley ; 1798, 1799, 1803, 1805, 1806, John Mills ; 1800, 1802, Philip Cook ; 1801, Moses Wheeler ; 1804, Hugh Pennel ; 1807, 1808, 1810, 1813, 1815, Eber Hyde ; 1809, Samuel Woodworth ; 1811, Dyer Green ; 1812, Ephraim Tisdale ; 1814, Peter P. Mesick ; 1816, Gurdon Lathrop ; 1817, 1818, 1832, 1833, Jonas Cleland ; 1819, 1822, Abel Millington ; 1823, Samuel Bloomfield ; 1824, Moses Shaul ; 1825-29, Wilham C. Crain ; 1830-31, Charles Fox ; 1834-35, 1851-52, Leonard Shaul ; 1836-37, Thomas Shoemaker ; 1838, John W. Tunnick ; 1839-40, William C. Crain ; 1841-42, James Maxfield ; 1843, Marcus Lawyer ; 1844, Lambert Sternberg ; 1845-46, 1848, Jacob Marshall ; 1847, Rufus G. Starkweather ; 1849-50, Calvin Hulbert ; 1853-54, Thomas C. Shoemaker ; 1855-56, 1863, 1865, John M. Tiedway ; 1857-58, Lawrence Harter ; 1859-60, 1869, George M. Cleland ; 1861-62, 1866-67, Elisha W. Stannard ; 1868, Christopher Shoemaker ; 1870-72, James Mason ; 1873, Jefferson J. Tilden ; 1874, 1878-79, Palmer M. Wood ; 1880, Elias Weatherbee ; 1881-82, 1891-92, Rufus G. Starkweather ; 1883, George H. Eastwood ; 1884, Nathaniel Farnham ; 1885, James A. Hopkinson ; 1886-90, James W. Blatchley.

As before stated, the streams in this town furnished in early years power to run numerous mills and small factories, all or nearly all of which have disappeared, and at the present time there is almost no manufacturing in the town. The first log house in the town was built by Paul Crim, in 1753, and the land has descended to A. J. Crim, its

present owner. George Hoyer built the first frame house in 1789, on the premises now owned by James Bronner. One of the Osterhouts and Simeon J. Vrooman kept the first store at the Little Lakes in 1793. Stephen Ludington kept the first tavern.

In early years the settlers were compelled to go to Fort Plain if they wanted grain ground. In 1793 Isaac Freeman built two mills in the southern part of the town, on land now owned by Brayton Wetherbee. Mr. Wetherbee is still living, and his sons, Elias and William, have a saw-mill, grist-mill and tannery at what is called Wetherbee's Mills. The father of Brayton Wetherbee formerly operated mills and a tannery at Cullen. The first saw-mill on Fish Creek was built in 1799 by Benjamin Wilkerson. The first distillery was built by Frederick Lyman and Gurdon Lathrop, between 1810 and 1815, about half a mile north of Jordanville. Roselle Lathrop built a brewery near by.

Captain Charles Fox, of Connecticut, who came to Warren in 1805, is given the honor of making the first cheese in the county south of the Mohawk, beginning about 1815. He subsequently had a dairy of 100 cows and was a prominent and successful man.

Jordanville is the largest village in Warren and contains about 500 inhabitants. It is situated near Fish Creek at the intersection of the old Minden turnpike and the State road from Utica to Richfield Springs. The post office was established December 9, 1845, with Henry Bell as postmaster; the other postmasters have been, Phineas P. Hyde, June 1, 1849; Adam Miller, June 10, 1853; R. D. Wightman, March 29, 1861; C. C. Blatchley, August 3, 1865; George L. Bell, June, 1870; Dr. A. Miller, 1884; Charles E. Hyde, 1887; F. H. Bell, 1889. George L. Bell has been a merchant here since 1868. The grist-mill and saw mill are now operated by Chauncey Brownrigg and Andrew Crowell, who succeeded W. Chase; the latter was burned out and rebuilt the mills. John W. Brandow was formerly a wagon maker here, but started the American Hotel in 1885, and with the exception of two years has kept it since. George T. Yule is a wagon maker, and William Sibell and Charles J. Fisk are blacksmiths.

Cullen (formerly Page's Corners) is a hamlet near the junction of the two branches of Fish Creek, not far from the center of the town. The post-office was established in December, 1845, with Nelson Scager as

postmaster ; he has been succeeded by John Lewis, C. M. Hustis, Rufus W. Crain, Jonas Petrie. The office was discontinued in October, 1859, and re-established in December following, with Frederick Petrie as postmaster, succeeded by John Lewis, and he by George M. House. The name was changed from Page's Corners to Cullen in 1866; Volney Houghton was the next postmaster, followed by Charles Houghton, Clark Cole, Joseph R. Petrie, William Foster, Clark Cole, William Foster, who is the present incumbent and keeps a store. Joseph Petrie keeps the hotel here.

Little Lakes (Warren post-office) is a hamlet near the lakes, which give it the name. The post-office was established in October, 1840, with Robert Bush as postmaster ; he has been followed by Francis Gates, Amos Shaw, John W. Tunnicliff, William Kinne, Ferdinand Tunnicliff, William Kinne, Chester Crim, Thomas Ellis, jr., and Lester Eckler, the present incumbent. The hotel now kept by Lester Eckler was built very early and before the turnpike was constructed through the place. Mr. Eckler has kept this house six years, succeeding John J. Thorp, and owns the old homestead of the Ecklers. Merchants here have been D. A. Tunnicliff, Philp Eckler, J. J. Thorp and James Collyer. S. H. Conklin has sold goods here about six years. There was formerly more business done here than at the present time.

There was in early years considerable business done at Crain's Corners, including stores, a hotel, and several shops. A post office existed here from 1828 (when Jacob Marshall was postmaster) to 1857, when it was discontinued. A pretty little Episcopal church was erected here in 1890, by D. J. Crain, and services are maintained.

The early schools were taught in German as well as English. Stephen Frank was one of the first teachers in German at Andrustown, and Captain Henry Eckler taught at the Chyle in both German and English. Jonas Cleland taught the first English school subsequent to the Revolution. Warren now comprises eleven districts and the schools are efficient. Hon. William C. Crain, who was speaker of the Assembly in 1846, resided in this town, was courteous and bright, and an able politician.

The Warren Baptist church was organized in 1790, and in the following year Phineas Holcomb was ordained as first pastor, and labored

with the church seventeen years. For many years the society was especially prosperous. In 1836 the building of a church was begun on land donated by Deacon Eber Hyde, at Jordanville, and the structure was dedicated in November of the following year.

The following have served the church as pastors :

George Swain, Isaac Newell, William A. Wells, Zelora Eaton, Asa Caldwell, Charles E. Brown, Daniel Dye, L. J. Huntley, Lansing Bailey, Nelson Ferguson, Charles Bailey, L. Bolton, M. H. De Witt, L. B. Barker, Peter Goo, William Church, D. D. Odell, A. D. Smith, J. J. Porter, John L. Dunham. Since 1871 the society has to some extent lost its identity as a Baptist organization.

The first church edifice in the town was built near Bloomfields, by the Methodists in 1814. The next was the "Warren Union Church," near Crain's Corners, which was dedicated in 1816. This church has disappeared. There is a union church at Little Lakes, which was built about 1845. Rev. Mr. Helms, of Richfield, preaches there at the present time.

The history of the Methodist Episcopal church of Jordanville dates back to 1846, when Rev. Moses Dunham, of the Litchfield circuit, formed a class of eight members. William Bouck was chiefly instrumental in forwarding the project, and a lot was procured and the work begun. The church was dedicated in the fall of 1847. In 1871, when the church had sixty-five members, and through the energetic work of G. M. Cleland and Isaac Lake, a new building was erected on the site of the old one and dedicated in June, 1872.

The pastors who have served this church are Revs. Moses Dunham, W. C. Loomis, William Jerome, Mr. Crawford, E. L. Wadsworth, R. O. Beebe, Samuel Hill, Mr. Barnes, L. K. Redington, W. A. Wadsworth, R. L. Kenyon, L. Eastwood, Gordon Moore, F. A. O'Farrel, Harvey Woodward, A. R. Warner, D. O. Edgerton, James Coote, W. F. Purington, H. R. Northrup, James Stanton, J. G. Brooks, Samuel Salisbury, S. P. Gray, and the present pastor, F. K. Pierce. The membership is about 100, and Dwight Starkweather is Sunday-school superintendent.

## CHAPTER XIX.

## THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA.

COLUMBIA lies in the southern part of Herkimer county and is bounded on the north by German Flats; on the east by Warren; on the south by Otsego county, and on the west by Winfield and Litchfield. The town was formed from Warren June 8, 1812. Its surface is moderately rolling and hilly, and the soil a clay loam, which is generally fertile. The streams are small brooks, some of which flow south into the Unadilla and the others northward into the Mohawk. There are several springs in the town, the waters of which have a local reputation as a curative for some diseases. Iron ore is found to a limited extent. In the southern part of the town is a swamp containing perhaps a thousand acres, from which flow the headwaters of the Unadilla. Steele's Creek flows from the northern side of the town into the Mohawk at Ilion. Within the present boundaries of Columbia are parts of Staley's, Henderson's and Conrad Frank's patents.

The old Indian trail from the upper Mohawk to Schuyler's Lake passed through this town from northeast to southwest, and there was an Indian campground a little northwest of the site of South Columbia, on the farm now owned by J. H. Fox.

Columbia was first settled in 1765 by several German families from the Mohawk River, who located in the eastern part at the crossing of the old Utica and Minden turnpike and the Mohawk and Richfield Springs road. The settlement was long known as Conradstown, and later as Orendorff's Corners, after one of the settlers, Conrad Orendorff, whose original farm is still owned in the family by William Orendorff. The families who first settled here were those of Henry Frank, Nicholas Lighthall, Timothy Frank, Joseph Moyer, Frederick Christman, Conrad Frank, Conrad Fulmer, Nicholas Lighthall, and Mr. Orendorff. Between the time of its first settlement and the close of the Revolution the town was overrun by the enemy, and the inhabitants made to feel the effects of the struggle. Conrad Orendorff was a lieutenant in Capt.

Henry Eckler's company and was twice taken prisoner and his cabin burned. Richard Woolaber, one of the early settlers, was in Heinrich Staring's company which left Fort Herkimer July 19, 1778, to overtake Brant and rescue prisoners taken at the destruction of Andrustown. At Young's Settlement (now Little Lakes) the main body of the pursuers turned back; but Woolaber, Peter Fagg and Thomas Van Horne kept on and overtook two savages on the west side of Schuyler's Lake. The Indians had a woman and babe as prisoners. Woolaber and his companions killed both Indians and carried home the prisoners. In the fall of 1778, while Woolaber was at work in the field on what is now "Shoemaker Hill," south of Fort Herkimer, he was surprised by Indians, knocked down and scalped and left for dead. He was found by his family towards nightfall, carried home and finally recovered.

After the close of the war settlement in various parts of the town progressed rapidly. The following list of jurors for the year 1813 is worthy of preservation, as it doubtless contains the names of most of the prominent settlers down to 1810:

Asa and Amos Wood and Jeremiah Brown, John B. and John P. B. Singer, Elias Benedict, Philip Brown, Christopher H. Benedict, Jacob Bell, Amos Crain, Josiah Crain, William Chapman, John Clapsaddle, Augustenus Clapsaddle, Simon Clark, Henry Cronkright, Daniel Dromdoff, Ira Dethrick, Jabez De Woolfe, William De Wolfe, jr., Jacob Eaton, Benjamin Eaton, Ephraim Elmer (still living at the age of 113 years at Utica, N. Y.), George M. Edick, Jacob P. Fox, John P. Fox, Peter P. Fox, Frederick Fox, Abner Gage, John Gorsline, Barnabas Griffith, Henry Getman, George I. Getman, Frederick I. Getman, Stephen Griffith, Timothy Getman, Frederick Getman, jr., Conrad Gettman, Thomas Hagerty, Henry Helmer, Samuel Hatch, Joseph Hatch, Daniel Hatch, John Harwood, Abner Huntley, Thomas Hawks, Jacob Helmer, William Haner, Jeremiah Haner, Augustenus Hess, jr., Frederick Hess, Conrad Hess, Henry Jones, Calvin Johnson, Luther Johnson, Michael Jackson, Samuel Lord, Thomas Ladow, Caleb Miller, John Miller, Henry A. Miller, Henry Miller, jr., Oliver Miner, William Miller, Andrew Miller, John Miller, jr., Martin McKoon, Joel Merchant, Ephraim Mills, Isaac Mills, John Mills, Andrew Meyers, Joseph Meyers, John D. Meyers, James Morgan, Abraham Maning, Henry S. Orendorff, Jacob Orendorff, George Petrie, Theodore Page, Ira Peck, Dean Pearce, Daniel I. Petrie, Marks Petrie, Frederick Petrie, Reuben Reynolds, John Runyan, jr., Parley Spaulding, Ralph Sanford, Thomas F. Shoemaker, John Shoemaker, Nicholas Sternburgh, William Stroup, Timothy Smith, George Steele, Elisha Standish, Gershom Skinner, Peter I. Turpening, Moses Thompson, Hill Truesdale, Samuel Woodworth, Festus Williams, Peleg Wood, Isaac Wright, Charles Young.

Most of the above have descendants at present living in town.



Tupis Vrooman came early into this town. He was made a prisoner by the Indians, with three of his brothers, in 1776, and taken to Canada; returning a year later, he passed much of his life in Columbia and died in 1866.

Asahel Alford settled here in 1791, was a well-known citizen, and died in 1853 at the age of ninety-three years, having passed all his life on his original farm; this was afterwards occupied by his son Cyrus, and now by his son Oscar Alford.

Abijah Beckwith, a native of Columbia county, came into this county in 1807 and became conspicuous in public affairs; was a member of the Legislature in 1817 and 1823; a member of the Senate in 1835; was six years county clerk, and presidential elector in the first Lincoln campaign. He was the great-grandfather of John D. Beckwith, now a lawyer at Little Falls.

George Lighthall was a settler prior to the Revolution on what is known as the Briggs farm, a little west of South Columbia, and he and his family were sufferers during the war. Some others who settled early in Columbia were Peter Horton Warren, who located in the western part of the town; Martin McKoon, who came in 1796, to the extreme southern part; Jacob Edick and his father, also named Jacob, who were pioneers of the town; Lorenzo Hosford and his father, William, who were tanners at Cedarville from early in the century; Henry Devendorf, who settled early at Cedarville; John D. Hunter, long a merchant in the town; Andrew Miller, who built the first mills at Miller's Mills; Nicholas Spohn, Daniel Stroup, an early blacksmith, and Jacob Seckner.

The first town meeting was held at the house of Daniel I. Petrie on Tuesday, March 2, 1813, and the following officers were elected:

Supervisor, Jacob Haner; town clerk, John Mix; assessors, Denison Tisdale, Peter P. Fox, Jeremiah Haner, and Rufus Chapin; overseers of the poor, Daniel I. Petrie and Abijah Beckwith; commissioners of highways, Henry Orendorff, Ira Peck and Joel Merchant; constables, Jacob D. Petrie, Charles Randale, Jeremiah Baringer, and William Truesdale; collector, Charles Randale; school commissioners, Rufus Chapin, John Bartlett, and Denison Tisdale; school inspectors, Henry S. Orendorff, David V. W. Golden, and Henry Gardiner.

The town was divided into thirty-one road districts, and the usual incipient legislation was enacted. A meeting of the excise commission-



ers was held in May, 1813, at which D. V. W. Golden, Jesse Campbell, and Samuel Woodworth & Son had applied for permits to sell liquor, and Reuben Reynolds, Daniel I. Petrie, Joseph Petrie and Conrad Orendorff applied for licenses and were given the privilege of keeping taverns.

There is now scarcely any manufacturing in Columbia, and there never was very much. The industries outside of farming have been limited almost wholly to mills erected early in various parts of the town, some of which are still in operation, though greatly changed. D. V. W. Golden and Benjamin Mix were the first merchants in the town, and carried on business at Orendorff's Corners in 1798. The old store was demolished about twenty years ago, and the site is owned by Daniel Crim. Frederick Petrie, brother of Daniel, had a blacksmith shop at the same point in 1799, and was the first blacksmith in town. The first frame house was built at the Corners in 1788 by Conrad Orendorff, and now forms part of the building occupied by William Orendorff. The first and only brick house in Columbia was built in 1855 by Abraham House, at what is known as Elizabethtown, in the northern part of the town.

The first schools in Columbia were taught in the German language, the earliest one by Philip Ausman in 1796 at what is now Orendorff's corners. The first English school was begun about the same time by Joel Phelps. On the 8th of April, 1813, the school commissioners divided the town into eight school districts. There were then 255 families in the town and the commissioners designated which district each family should belong to. At the present time there are eleven districts in Columbia.

There are no considerable villages in this town. Columbia Center was formerly known as "Petrie's Corners," and it was here that the first town meeting was held. As indicated by its name, it is near the center of the town, and here Daniel I. Petrie kept the first tavern on the site where Abram Jacobson formerly kept. Jacob J. Petrie, son of Daniel, formerly kept a store where Elmer E. Spohn is now located. John D. Hunter also traded on this site. Martin L. Springer and Ira Derthick were also merchants here. There was a distillery operated here in early times. The present business consists of two stores, one

by Frank N. Petrie and one by E. E. Spohn, a hotel kept by Wallace Purchase, on the old Petrie site, a store and post-office kept by Frank N. Petrie, and two blacksmith shops by David Getman and Jabez Bliss & Son. The Methodist church here was organized in 1887 and the building was erected in 1888 at a cost of about \$2,000. The first pastor was Rev. Frank West and the present one is G. P. York. The trustees are Israel Shepherd, George Gray and H. J. Chrisman.

*South Columbia.*—This is a station on the railroad in the southern part of the town and on the old road from Mohawk to Richfield Springs. It was in this vicinity that the Lighthall families settled prior to the Revolution, and Richard Woolaber was the first settler after the war. Asahel Freeman built here the second grist mill in the town, and in 1800 a saw-mill and a fulling-mill; the latter went to decay long ago. The first hotel was kept here in 1808 by Simeon Hammond. The site of the old mills is now occupied by the extensive plant of the Chase Mills and Supply Company, who operate a saw-mill, grist mill, planing-mill, deal in coal, lumber, etc. A box factory is operated by James Collyer, and a second saw-mill by Eugene Hoffman. Philip Wormouth is a blacksmith and wagon repairer, and Frank Zoller is merchant and postmaster.

*Miller's Mills.*—This is a hamlet in the southwestern part of the town, half a mile from the line of the railroad, on which it has a station. The site was settled in 1760 by Andrew Miller. Jost Bell was the owner of much of the land in the vicinity and from him Miller leased and purchased his property. Jonas Miller now occupies a part of the original farm of Andrew Miller. Miller, probably in connection with Bell, built the first mills here, on the site of W. D. Gorsline's present mills; this property passed into possession of John Miller and was enlarged by him. Other owners of the mills, before they came into Mr. Gorsline's possession, were a Mr. Tennant, Jacob Miller, and Daniel Devendorf. Mr. Gorsline put in a circular saw and added a box factory and planing-mill to the plant. The post-office was established in 1869 with Tunis Finger as postmaster; he was succeeded by Andrew Finger. J. R. Scudden was next appointed to the office, and then William H. Finger. Andrew Finger is the present postmaster and merchant. The "First Free Baptist Church in Columbia" was

organized here in September, 1820, and the church was erected in 1831. Public services have been kept up with considerable regularity since 1814. In 1840 a Sunday-school was established with David G. Young as superintendent. Elder J. B. Randall is the present pastor. Rev. M. C. Brown preached here for seventeen years; he died recently in Boston.

*Cedarville.*—This is a hamlet in the western part of the town and at the junction of the lines of the three towns of Winfield, Litchfield and Columbia. While a considerable portion of the little village is in Litchfield, the post-office is now in the town of Columbia, and the history of the village may as well be given here. The first settler at this point was Henry Devendorf, who came in 1803. The first store was established in 1823 by John and Thurston Mabbitt, and in the same year the post-office was opened. Henry Devendorf kept the first tavern about 1810. The tannery that was conducted here for many years was begun by William Horsford in 1824, who operated it for thirty years. Its last owners were Hon. Ezra D. Beckwith and Hiteman Brothers, who gave it up about eight years ago and located at West Winfield; the tannery is now going to decay. The hotel now kept by J. J. Thorp was built by A. L. Fish about the time of the establishment of the post office. F. E. Stephens now has the principal store and is post-master and supervisor, succeeding D. L. W. Kibby in the former office in June, 1889. Mr. Kibby kept a store here about twenty years. The second hotel is kept, and has been for twelve years, by Monroe Wilkinson. The store now kept by H. G. Knight was occupied before him by Irving Maxwell and Benjamin Davis. Lyman Woodart was a wagon-maker here for many years, and his sons now carry on the business. W. E. Meacham has a harness shop and W. H. Rhoda a tin shop.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Cedarville was organized in 1862, under the corporate name of the McKenzie Chapel. The deed of a lot was given by Henry Devendorf on which to build a chapel. The first church was erected about 1826, at a cost of \$1,500. The society became extinct, and in 1870 the building was removed and fitted for a public hall.

The Universalist church at Cedarville was organized October 27, 1829, and Rev. Orrin Roberts became the first pastor in 1830. Among

those who have at various periods preached here are Revs. T. J. Smith, Mr. Belden, Dr. Smith, J. H. Tuttle, E. M. Wooley, L. C. Brown, Mr. Paine, W. H. Grigsby, D. Ballou, L. Rice, L. G. Powers, and O. B. Beals. The present pastor is Rev. C. H. Vail, who preaches also at Bridgewater. The first church edifice was erected in 1830 at a cost of \$2,500; it was dedicated in the following year. In 1872 the building was remodeled at an expense of more than \$5,000, and an organ costing \$1,000 has since been added. The society has been uniformly prosperous and shown energetic activity from its beginning.

Trustees are elected for one, two, and three years. Their names are as follow: For one year, F. E. Stephens, D. A. Angell, and A. E. Seckner; for two years, Chauncey Mathews, Jacob W. Miller, and Bernard Crim; for three years, C. J. Wheeler, E. B. Holcomb, and William Miller.

Other hamlets that have had distinctive names in Columbia are Getman's Corners, at the headwaters of Steele's Creek, on the north side of the town. Elizabethtown, taking its name from Elizabeth Campbell, on the north line of the town, on Steele's Creek, where a tannery was formerly carried on; and Haner Settlement, so called from the families of that name who located there. Spinnerville, named in honor of the late Gen. F. E. Spinner, is a post-office in the northern part, established in 1890. A tannery was operated here for many years by Peter H. Warren, father of T. D. Warren, esq., and the wife of Col. Alonzo Wood, of Winfield. It is now closed up. S. D. Warren now owns the homestead and is the postmaster.

The oldest church in this town is the Reformed Church, which was organized in July, 1798. Timothy Frank and Jacob Petrie were made elders, and George Edick and George F. Helmer, deacons. The first meetings were held in Conrad Orendorff's barn. Steps were taken in 1803 to erect a church, the First Congregational church of Warren and the First Lutheran church of Warren uniting in the work. A subscription paper was circulated and money raised for a beginning. In November, 1808, the three societies assembled at the meeting-house to arrange for raising money to finish the interior of the building. Through subscriptions and the sale of pews in December, 1808, the necessary funds were raised and the church finished by Parley Hutchings. This church was used until 1849, when it was considered unsafe

and a new one was erected, which has received extensive repairs. It is pleasantly located on the east and west road between Columbia Center and Orendorff's Corners, with a cemetery adjoining. In the rebuilding of this church in 1840 a scaffold gave way and John Edick was killed and several others badly injured.

Following is a list of supervisors of this town, with date of their incumbency:

Jacob Haner, 1813, 1822; Samuel Woodworth, 1814; John Mills, 1815, 1821; Henry S. Orendorff, 1816, 1817; Abijah Beckwith, 1818, 1819; Henry S. Orendorff, 1820, 1831, 1837, 1842; Jeremiah Haner, 1823, 1824, 1827; Abijah Beckwith, 1825, 1845, 1846; Jacob Mills, 1826; Isaac Mills, 1828; John Miller, jr., 1829, 1834, 1835; Abel Hannahs, 1830, 1832, 1833; Peter H. Warren, 1836, 1838, 1839, 1863-65; Joseph L. Hatch, 1840, 1841; William J. Miller, 1843, 1844; Andrew Van Dusen, 1847, 1848; Loren Mills, 1849, 1850; John W. Beckwith, 1851-52; John D. Clapsaddle, 1853, 1859-60; Jefferson Rowland, 1854, 1856; James Kelley, 1857, 1858; David G. Young, 1861-62; Levi Shaul, 1866-67; David Harter, 1868; Lorenzo Horsford, 1869; Jacob J. Getman, 1870-72; John M. Lipe, 1873, 1874; George Van Alstine, 1875-78; William D. Gorsline, 1879, 1880; Samuel Miller, 1881; Israel I. Young, 1882, 1883; Frank N. Petrie, 1884-1889; Damon A. Clapsaddle, 1890; Abram Manning, 1891; Frank E. Stephens, 1892.

## CHAPTER XX.

### THE TOWN OF WINFIELD.

PREVIOUS to the year 1816 the territory now embraced in the town of Winfield was a part of the towns of Richfield and Plainfield, Otsego county, and Litchfield, Herkimer county. Consequently, upon its formation the boundaries of Herkimer county were enlarged. The act under which the town came into existence is dated April 17, 1816, and its passage in the Senate was procured by Dr. John J. Prendergast, then a member of that body. He had the privilege of naming the new town and proposed "Scott," in honor of Gen. Winfield Scott; but on learning that there was already a town of that name in this State, he substituted the given name of the popular military officer—Winfield.

The town lies in the southwest corner of Herkimer county and includes parts of Schuyler's Bayard's and Lisenard's patents. It is

bounded on the north by Litchfield ; on the east by Columbia and Otsego county ; on the south by Otsego county ; and on the west by Oneida county. The surface is moderately hilly except along the valley of the Unadilla Creek, which flows across it from east to west, furnishing considerable water power. Some smaller streams flow southerly into the Unadilla, which have their rise in Litchfield. The great western turnpike passes through the southern part of the town, and in early days was thronged with stages, teams and droves of stock, which made busy scenes at the numerous taverns that were maintained at short intervals along its course.

The early settlers of what is now Winfield came chiefly from Connecticut and Massachusetts. Abel Brace came here in 1793 from near Hartford, Conn., bringing with him his family of nine sons and five daughters, with his wife's aged mother. Mr. Brace was a man of standing, had been a captain in the Revolutionary War and a member of the State Legislature. He built a log house not far from the present residence of his youngest great-grandson, Seward H. Brace. All of the sons excepting one settled in this town and not far from their father. Abel Brace died in 1832. In after years many of his descendants left the town, leaving only Capt. Asahel Brace, who occupied the paternal home ; he died in 1867, leaving sons, Abel Woodruff Brace, Lucius F. Brace (father of Frank L.), and Henry L. Brace, who inherited the family home and now lives in West Winfield. When Mr. Brace came here there was no road from the Mohawk southward, and travelers were guided by marked trees. One of the Brace family, Charles, kept what was probably the first inn in the town in 1794, but it is not known just where it was located ; and two years later John Dillingham opened a store.

In the summer of 1792 David Wood and Jonathan Chapin settled on the south side of the stream, and in 1793 Deacon Charles Burt and Joseph and Timothy Walker located in the same neighborhood. The Walkers had been in the town only a year when, in 1794, they built the pioneer mills at what is now West Winfield, and thereby conferred a welcome boon upon the settlers. It was a small affair, consisting of a saw-mill, in which was placed one grinding stone, which sufficed for its purpose until 1798, when Timothy Walker erected a grist-mill near the

first one, taking the water from the same pond. This mill was operated until 1808, when Ira Walker, son of Timothy, built a third mill, a larger one, farther down the stream and removed the machinery of the other one to it. This was the site of the present mills at West Winfield. The Walkers first settled on what is known as the Hugh Davis farm. Both had families, and descendants of both still live in the town. The first mill built by them was near North Winfield and the first blacksmith-shop was near that place, and built by Timothy.

Larkin Smith first came to the town in 1793 and probably returned and brought his wife in the following year, coming on snow shoes. He was a surveyor. Others who settled here previous to or about the beginning of the century were Simeon Bucklin, Elijah Gates, Amasa Dodge, Adam Burdick, Capt. Nathan Brown, Oliver Harwood, Oliver Corbit, Benjamin Cole, Isaac Thayer, Nathan Holmes, William McLaughlin, and others. Many of these still have descendants in the town. A little later came the Prays, the Lawtons, the Hatfields and others. John Burgess was an early settler. Moses Eldred, father of Myron, came about 1805. Caleb Cummings, father of Samuel M., came from New Hampshire before the beginning of this century; Samuel owns the old homestead and lives in West Winfield. Nathan Morgan settled about 1815. Eleazer Brown, grandfather of H. C. Brown, of West Winfield, came about the beginning of the century; his son, Hiram, was born here in 1805, and died in 1878. C. T. Wheelock's grandfather was an early settler on "Wheelock's Hill." Some of those who have been prominent in the town in later years are Benjamin Carver, who was a merchant at East Winfield, and supervisor in 1833; Col. David R. Carrier, many years supervisor and a prominent business man; Samuel McKee, now living at East Winfield, father of Hon. M. H. McKee, of Richfield Springs; Caleb Dodge, a prominent farmer; Otis N. Crandall; Walter Palmer, and others mentioned elsewhere.

Chas. H. Brown was born in Winfield, July 20, 1858, studied law in Little Falls and was admitted in 1880. He removed to Bolivar, Allegany county, N. Y., in 1881, and was elected district attorney of that county in 1889, and re-elected in 1892. He occupies a leading position at the bar in that county.

Chas. G. Burrows was born in Winfield, and studied law with Geo. A. Hardin in Little Falls. He died in 1875, leaving a reputation as an



industrious and painstaking attorney, who gained the confidence of the community.

Hamilton Burdick, a native of Winfield, and a son of Adam Burdick, was born February 11, 1816. His father was a Revolutionary soldier and a personal acquaintance of Alexander Hamilton, after whom he named his son. Hamilton Burdick is a graduate of Colgate and studied law at Bridgewater, Oneida county, N. Y., and in Utica. He practiced in West Winfield from 1840 to 1843, when he removed to Syracuse and formed a partnership with the late R. H. Gardner. Mr. Burdick is still in practice in Syracuse. Professor Samuel Williams was born in 1830 in this town, and is now a geologist at Cornell University.

Charles J. Palmer, now a prominent attorney of Little Falls, was born in Winfield. While a student in Hamilton College he pursued the study of law, and after graduating in 1871 gave his whole attention to his profession, studying in Utica. In 1872 he formed a partnership with Chas. G. Burrows (above mentioned) which continued until Mr. Burrows died in 1875. In the next year Mr. Palmer became associated with A. M. Mills in Little Falls, and so continued to 1889, since which year he has practiced alone. Mr. Palmer is prominent in Republican politics.

Kendrick E. Morgan was born in the town of Winfield, September 8, 1854, and was admitted to practice law in 1876 and continued from that date to practice his profession at Little Falls until July 3, 1888. He is now engaged in business in Chicago, Ill.

The first town meeting in Winfield was held at the house of Rufus Dodge on the 7th of June, 1816. It is said that the snow was several inches deep on that day; it was the remarkable cold season which is still remembered by old citizens. At that meeting the following officers were elected:

James Orton, supervisor; Martin Luce, town clerk; Nathan Brown, Charles Burt, and Hezekiah Leamans, assessors; David Wood and Richard Boufoy, overseers of the poor; Simeon Bucklin, Asahel Brace, and Nathaniel Crandal, commissioners of highways; Elisha Gates, Elijah Gates, jr., and Jesse Burgess, constables; Elisha Gates, collector; Charles Burt, Charles Brace, and Almond Luce, school commissioners.

The usual regulations were voted at the meeting, governing the running at large of stock, licenses, etc. The following reference to slavery, bearing a comparatively recent date, is worthy of preservation here:



This may certify that Pegg, alias Margaret, a female servant born of a slave, appears to be of the age of eighteen years and upwards, that is to say of the age of twenty-one years, and of sufficient ability to maintain herself; hath this day been abandoned by James Orton, who hath claimed her services and doth hereby relinquish them.

ANSON BACKUS, NATHAN BROWN, Overseers of Poor.

The surprising part of this document is the date, which is in the year 1826. Further account of Anson Backus is given a little further on.

Under the enterprising and industrious labors of its settlers, Winfield rapidly became a prosperous and progressive community. The first settlers obtained their few necessities from Fort Herkimer over what was known as the Carr path, through the woods; but early in the century (1805) the Cherry Valley turnpike was built and connection made with it by other roads, giving the farmers and merchants comparatively easy communication with Albany and other points. Sheep raising, with the manufacture of potash, distilling liquor, etc., occupied the chief attention of the people of the town for some years; but between 1845, the time when the wool industry was at its height and when there were nearly 16,000 sheep in the town, and 1865 when there were less than 700, the dairy industry rapidly increased, and before the year last mentioned had become the principal occupation of the farmers of the town. At one time there were eleven cheese factories in the town. This number was gradually decreased by consolidation mainly, and at the present time there are only three or four; although there are many near by the town lines at various points, which are patronized by Winfield farmers. C. T. Wheelock is proprietor of five factories, and C. A. Eggleston has no less than twelve under his control; most of these are outside of this town. Within a few years past several milk stations have been established on the line of the D. L. & W. Railroad (which was opened in 1870), and dairymen are taking large quantities of milk to them for shipment to New York. This practice is having an important bearing upon the cheese and butter industry here; but it is the general opinion that this direct sale of milk will, on the whole, be beneficial. As compared with most other towns of the county, Winfield ranks among the best as a dairy town.

The Winfield Agricultural Society was organized in 1856, and included in its jurisdiction seven towns in this and Otsego and Oneida counties. For many years its fairs were very successful and it was the means of

advancing the welfare of the agricultural operations of this locality. After some twenty-five years of usefulness its affairs have been suffered to stagnate.

*West Winfield.*—This thriving little village of about 600 population is situated in the western part of the town, on the Unadilla Creek and the Richfield Springs branch of the D. L. & W. Railroad, and the old turnpike passes through it. Here small business operations were begun early in the present century, including the Walker mills, and later a store, shops, etc. In 1822 a store on the northwest corner at the intersection of the streets was erected and there, in 1823, Col. David R. Carrier began his long and successful business career. He dealt in all kinds of produce, shipping largely to Albany and New York, and for many years was one of the leading merchants of the county and also president of the First National Bank. The post-office was established in 1825, with Colonel Carrier as postmaster. The money received for postage during the first three months was about \$5.00. In those early years there was a great deal more business done at East Winfield than here. On the corner where is now the store of O. H. Wilcox, a tavern was built very early, but it was burned while under the proprietorship of John K. Fuller. The present structure on that corner was erected by Russell Huntley. On the opposite corner where is now the Haggerty House, a tavern has been kept by various landlords since early in the history of the place. Benjamin Harrington built, not far from the year 1800, a fulling and carding-mill and put in the necessary machinery; this was operated for many years, but has disappeared with many other similar mills in various parts of the county, following the decline of sheep raising and domestic wool production. About the year 1820 a small tannery was erected here. The bark used was ground by horse-power. In 1823 it came into possession of Rufus Wheeler, father of C. J. Wheeler, and later passed to the latter, who owned it to 1884. In 1884 E. D. Beckwith and John and Henry Hiteman, who had been carrying on a tannery at Cedarville, gave up their business there and purchased the Winfield tannery. They were experienced tanners and energetic and industrious men, and from an output of 600 calf skins per week have increased to 1800. Their plant has been correspondingly enlarged, in the years 1886, 1887, and 1888. From forty-

five to fifty hands are employed and the excellence of their product has given it a wide-spread market, which they are now unable to fill. Their bark is brought from Pennsylvania.

The saw-mill, which has been already noticed, was in possession of Griffin & Armstrong in 1872, when A. C. Hackley, its present owner, purchased it. Griffin & Armstrong had supplied the mill with a circular saw, planer, etc. Mr. Hackley has added the manufacture of cheese boxes, heads and hoops, and the sale of lumber to the business. The mill was formerly owned by Phineas Hall, Chauncey Bentley and various others.

The grist-mill is now the property of the Hiram Brown estate, and is operated by his son, H. C. Brown. Hiram Brown bought it of Bentley & Lackey in 1874. When the present operator took it he rebuilt the machinery, and fitted it for a large flouring trade, but at present only custom grinding is done.

Charles Weeks started a manufactory of sash, doors and blinds and a lumber yard in 1857, which he continued until 1870, when George S. Weeks purchased the business and still conducts it on a greatly enlarged basis. These constitute the manufacturing interests of the place.

A meeting was held in the village for the organization of a bank on the 16th of February, 1854. The organization was perfected and the corporate name of "West Winfield Bank" chosen; the capital stock was fixed at \$100,000 and the following directors were chosen: David R. Carrier, Vose Palmer, Dennis Hardin, Curtis Hemingway, James M. Rose, Samuel McKee, Joseph Hardin, Henry H. Babcock, Hiram Brown, N. R. Brown, Harry G. Hardin, T. W. Morgan and Isaac L. Moors. On the same day Colonel David R. Carrier was elected president and Hiram Brown vice-president, and on the 27th of February, Curtis Hemingway was chosen cashier and Erastus D. Hardin was appointed teller and acted as such until 1857, when he became a banker in Peoria, Ill., where he still resides. The bank opened for business August 29, of that year. It was changed to a national bank, with the same amount of capital, on the 14th of February, 1865, with the following directors:

David R. Carrier, Vose Palmer, James M. Rose, Samuel McKee, Joseph Hardin, Hiram Brown, T. W. Morgan, I. L. Moors, Alonzo Wood, E. P. Rose, Erastus King, David Gardner and Rufus Wheeler. Mr. Carrier remained president until his death in



*Alonzo Woods*



1880, when Alonzo Wood was elected and now efficiently fills the office. The vice-presidents have been Hiram Brown to February 10, 1859; H. H. Babcock to February 12, 1863; James M. Rose to January 10, 1871; Samuel McKee to January 8, 1878; Myron A. McKee to January 9, 1883; Charles D. Wheeler to the present time. The cashiers have been Curtis Hemingway to May 10, 1856; Alonzo Wood to March 1, 1858; James P. Lee to April 3, 1869; John O. Wheeler to the present time. Following are the names of the present directors: T. W. Morgan, Alonzo Wood, John O. Wheeler, George A. Hardin, Myron A. McKee, H. H. Wheeler, and Charles D. Wheeler.

The principal merchants of West Winfield are O. H. Wilcox, J. D. Folts, I. A. Crandall, Edward McFarland and George Bell, who keep general goods; B. S. Davis, grocer and baker; D. S. Marshall, boots and shoes; Patterson & Eldredge, hardware; Frank H. Wilcox, furniture; H. H. Wilcox, drugs; Casler & Edick, grocers; George A. Walker, jeweler. The Cottage Hotel was opened by J. K. Armling, in January, 1892, and the other hotel is kept by Mrs. Alonzo Haggerty. Albert B. Crumb is postmaster and has an insurance business.

The West Winfield Water Works were established as a private enterprise in 1878, the water being pumped from six artesian wells. It is of great benefit to the village, and is liberally patronized. The proprietor is Rev. W. A. Fenn.

The schools of the town of Winfield are taught in eleven districts. The first school in the town was probably taught by Josiah Harwood. On the 14th of August, 1817, a year after the erection of the town, Charles Burt, Larkin Smith and Dr. Abner N. Clark, as school commissioners, met and divided the town into twelve districts. There has been very little change in the district lines since that time.

Previous to the year 1850 land was donated in the village for an academy site, by Colonel David R. Carrier, consisting of one acre on a slightly hill. The academy was established in 1850, with Prof. L. R. Bliss as principal. Prof. Bliss, who was a graduate of Hamilton College, was very active in raising the necessary funds for the institution, and the building was erected in the summer of 1850. The original building was 60x40 feet in size, and in 1856 an addition 32x36 feet was made, for a boarding hall and principal's residence. The academy was a successful institution; was provided with chemical and philosophical apparatus and a considerable library. In the year 1883 it was changed

to a Union Free School, as a part of the school system of the town. The principals, after Prof. Bliss, have been W. W. Bass, G. R. Aiken, D. M. Haggart, E. O. Hovey, D. T. Blackstone, A. R. Goodwin, T. W. Roberts, S. D. Allen, James B. McGifford, F. J. House, who taught nine years, and was succeeded by A. J. Merrell in 1892. The number of teachers is seven and the attendance nearly 300.

*Newspapers* —West Winfield had a newspaper as early as 1859, when on the 23d of August appeared the first number of the *Standard Reaver* under the management of Cornelius Ackerman. The paper passed through many vicissitudes and changes. In 1870 it was sold to William McLaughlin, and he transferred it within a year to John H. Cunningham. The latter changed its name to the *Winfield Standard*, and on the 23d of March, 1872, sold it to Miles A. Davis, who left in a few months and the establishment reverted to Mr. McLaughlin, who sold it to R. W. Ackerman, son of the first publisher. In May, 1874, H. D. Kellogg became a partner, but retired in eight months. In March, 1875, William R. Merrill purchased the property, and about a year later transferred it to Frank Spooner, who conducted it about a year and removed it to Brookfield. On the 1st of April, 1883, ——— Lansing started the *West Winfield News*. About a year later it passed to the possession of C. D. Wheeler, who afterwards associated with himself H. H. Wheeler. Stillman & Fitch bought the paper in 1888, and on the 15th of April, 1889, Clarence G. Fitch bought out Stillman's interest and now conducts the paper.

The *West Winfield Star* is a handsome newspaper, which was started from a new and complete plant on the 18th of August, 1892, by F. L. Brace. It is Republican in politics, and promises to be a permanent organ.

*Church History* —The Congregational Church at West Winfield was organized in 1799 as the Second Congregational Church of Litchfield, by Rev. Eliphalet Steele. It was then located about four miles north of the present village, and in 1816 was removed to the turnpike about a mile east of the village. In 1876 the building was taken down and again removed to its present site in the village, and rebuilt and enlarged at a cost of \$11,000. The Sunday-school was organized in 1818. The first regular pastor was Rev. Jesse Churchill, and he has been succeeded by the following :

Revs. Jonathan Hovey, D. Newell, Edward Everett, Chauncey Goodrich, Chester Holcomb, Chester Brewster, P. S. Pratt, H. B. Wait, M. B. Brown, Wm. J. Knox, C. H. Beebe, Jesse Bradnack. In 1872 and 1873 the church was supplied by the Auburn Theological school. In 1873 came Rev. L. W. Church; then Rev. C. A. Kingsbury, who came in 1885. A. E. Kinmouth closed a three years' pastorate in April, 1889, and was succeeded by Rev. E. A. Burt.

In 1890 about \$3,500 were spent on the interior of the church and the purchase of an organ. The present church officers are as follow :

Deacons, H. L. Brace, A. A. Leach, Geo. A. Bonfoy; trustees, A. A. Leach, P. H. Brown, H. Nichols, E. H. Davis, A. C. Day, M. A. Spicer. F. L. Brace, clerk and superintendent of Sunday-school. The membership is 141.

The West Winfield Baptist church was first organized in 1796 as the Second Baptist Church of Litchfield. In 1803 it received the name of the Guild Society, in honor of Deacon Oliver Guild, who contributed liberally to its support. In 1828 it was reorganized under the name of the West Winfield Guild Society, which name it bore until 1880, when it was changed to the First Baptist Church of West Winfield. The first church building was erected in 1803, about a mile north of the present village of West Winfield. In 1826 the society purchased their present eligible site in the village, and removed and rebuilt their church at a cost of about \$1,400. In 1857 \$1,800 were expended on the building, and in 1863 it was enlarged at a cost of \$1,000. In 1877 a session room and audience room were fitted up at a further cost of \$1,000. In 1861 a parsonage was built at a cost of \$1,900. This church was burned on the 9th of May, 1889, and services were held temporarily in the Congregational church and in the academy. Immediate steps were taken to rebuild, and the following committee was appointed for that purpose: J. B. Murray, chairman; Dr. J. M. Rose, C. J. Wheeler, T. W. Morgan, J. E. Davis, W. H. Parkhurst, E. P. McFarland. Plans were secured and the present beautiful and substantial brick edifice was erected, the dedication ceremonies occurring on the 8th and 9th of October, 1890. Several costly memorial windows were presented to the new church, and many liberal subscriptions made for its construction. The church cost about \$23,000.

The pastors previous to 1826 were Elders Vining, Simmons, Philleo, and Holmes. From 1826 the pastors, as far as known, were Elders Clay, Newell, Putnam, Rasco, Ferguson, Nelson, and Tremaine. From 1843 to 1847, Rev. A. Kingsbury. During



the next several years Revs. Alden, Watkins, and Pixley served the society. From 1859 to 1866, Rev. H. A. Smith preached; 1866 to 1869, Rev. I. N. Hobart; 1869 to 1872, supplies by Madison University students; 1872 to 1876, Rev. H. Garlick; part of 1876, Rev. A. Reynolds; 1876 to 1878, Rev. S. C. Moore; 1878 to 1883, Rev. Wm. A. Fenn; 1883, one year, Rev. P. D. Root; supplied by Mr. Fenn to July, 1885; then Rev. Thomas E. Jepson to close of 1887; from the spring of 1888, Rev. Warren Saphore, to 1891; he was succeeded by the present pastor, Rev. D. Kendall Smith.

The Sunday-school was organized in 1826. The present church trustees are James B. Murray, George S. Weeks, Charles J. Wheeler; Sunday-school superintendent, O. B. Holmes. The membership is about 140.

The Methodist Church of West Winfield was organized in the year 1827, and the first meeting place was in the school-house. In 1828 the first church was built at a cost of \$1,200. In 1855 \$1,500 were expended in repairs, and in 1865 the church was burned. The present edifice was erected in 1866, and cost \$9,000. The parsonage is valued at \$3,000.

The first pastor was Rev. Ephraim Hall, and he has been followed by Revs. John Er-canbrack, Wm. Bowdish, Wm. Round, Edwin Dennison, — Breckenridge, Lewis Anderson, — Loomis, B. W. Goram, J. D. Torry, H. Tremaine, W. Jerome, H. J. Rand, J. L. Wells, G. C. Elliott, G. Colgrove, W. E. York, J. W. Hall, W. N. Burr, J. Pilkinton, W. B. McDonald, C. Morgan, Gordon Moore, W. S. Titus, J. B. Darling, C. W. Brooks, E. W. Jones, S. P. Gray, A. C. Loucks, S. T. Dibble, William Williams, W. L. Tisdale, and the present pastor, Wm. H. Bury. The membership is 105.

St. Joseph's Church (Catholic) was organized in May, 1867, by Rev. Father T. J. Smith. During about eight years they worshiped in a public hall. In June, 1874, the corner-stone of a new church was laid and the building was finished in September, 1875; its cost was \$8,000. Father Smith was pastor until 1874, and was succeeded by Father E. F. O'Connor, who continued until 1884. Then came Father M. C. Gavin, who remained to 1892, and was succeeded by Father Dennis B. Collins. Father Gavin purchased the Dr. Spencer residence for a parsonage and it burned in 1889. It is now being rebuilt. The church contains about eighty-five families.

*East Winfield*—Is a post-office and small hamlet about two miles east of West Winfield, on the turnpike. In the old days of staging it was a busy point, but now it contains only one store kept by Milton West, who is also postmaster. Curtis Day owns the saw-mill and carries on an extensive cider-mill in connection with it.

Here the late Benjamin Carver carried on a mercantile business for many years; he was the father of Mrs. Leiter, whose husband is of the great mercantile firm of Field, Leiter & Co. of Chicago. Here resided the late Dean Burgess, who removed to Herkimer and was for many years prominent and wealthy. He was president of the Mohawk National Bank. Here was the home of George Thomas, a merchant and prominent abolitionist, who removed to Utica a few years before his death. Samuel McKee, father of Hon. M. H. McKee, cashier of the Richfield Springs Bank, still resides here. Dr. Abner Clark also lived here until he removed to Fredonia, Chautauqua county. He was a descendant of the pilgrims, born in Connecticut; his sister was the wife of Nathan Hardin.

*Wood's Corners.*—There was an early settlement at this point, which is about a mile south of West Winfield. In 1792 David Wood removed with his brother-in-law, Jotham Chapin, from Monson, Hampden county, Mass., being then twenty-seven years of age, and purchased of John I Morgan two farms, then being in a wilderness. One of them is now occupied by Colonel Wood, his son (the president of the West Winfield Bank), and the other is known as the Palmer farm, which was many years owned by Vose Palmer, and subsequently by Walter H. Palmer, the father of Charles J. Palmer, of Little Falls, whose brother now occupies the farm. About the same period Simeon Bucklin took up and began clearing a farm next easterly of the Corners, which is now owned and occupied by his son, Robert Bucklin, whose sister, Phœbe Bucklin, married Avery Backus, and they occupied the farm just south of the Robert Bucklin farm. About the same period Deacon Charles Burt, Larkin Smith, Joseph Gates, Eleazer Brown, Samuel Brown, and Adam Burdick settled in that vicinity. The settlement grew rapidly, and in 1825 Joseph Hardin taught school in the district embracing that territory, having one hundred scholars. There were some Revolutionary soldiers who lived in that vicinity, to wit: Joseph Moors, Adam Burdick, John Rutter, James Harris and ——— Vaughn. About 1790 the place known as "Meeting-House Green," about two miles and a half north of West Winfield, was settled. In this neighborhood resided Sewell Town, a public-spirited, energetic man, for many years a magistrate. Also the Leaches and Eldreds; and about a mile west

of there was the home of Elijah Gates. His lands were sold in 1832, a portion thereof to Nathan Hardin, and the other portion thereof to Joseph Hardin, who in that year removed from the town of Plainfield, Otsego county. Nathan Hardin was the father of Joseph Hardin and eleven other children, who grew to be adults. His son, Dennis Hardin, was a merchant and banker at Leonardsville; he was member of the Assembly in 1852. He was the father of Mrs. John O. Wheeler; Mr. Wheeler is cashier of the West Winfield Bank. His son, General A. C. Hardin, settled early in life in Monmouth, Ill., and during the war raised a regiment on his own account, and was distinguished at the second battle of Fort Donaldson. In 1867 he represented his district in Congress. Daniel Hardin, another son, resided many years and carried on a mercantile business at Leonardsville, and now resides at Saginaw City and is president of the Citizens' National Bank. His son Nathan resides near Des Moines, Iowa. His oldest son was Joseph Hardin, who was born in Connecticut in 1804 at East Hampton; his family removed to Plainfield, Otsego county, about the year 1816, where they resided until they located in the town of Winfield, above stated. Joseph Hardin resided on the farm purchased of Elisha Gates, where his sons, George A., Abner Clark and William H. were born. He removed to the village of West Winfield about the year 1838, having purchased the farm just westerly of the village and a little beyond the "Old Elm Tree," which has been a landmark or monument for over 125 years. Large portions of the farm were sold for village lots, and the site of the Catholic church by Joseph Hardin prior to his death, which occurred by reason of an accident caused by the overturning of a wagon in the summer of 1870. His widow occupied the farm until her death, which occurred in 1877. Shortly thereafter it was sold by his daughter, Mary E. Hardin, and his son, George A. Hardin, the heirs, to N. D. Taylor, who now occupies what has not been sold for village purposes. The homestead, however, was reserved by the heirs, and was occupied by Miss Mary E. Hardin as a residence until the time of her death, which occurred therein on the 16th day of August, 1880. Subsequently it was conveyed by George A. Hardin to Charles D. Wheeler, a second cousin, who now occupies the same.

Half a mile north of the Gates farm, already mentioned, was a neighborhood which was settled early in the century, where were the resi-

dences of Anson Backus, Captain Goff, the Braces and the Holmeses. Anson Backus with his family removed to Gaines, Orleans county, about the year 1836. He was the father of Amanda Backus, who was born in the "Red House" on the Gates farm in 1803. She was married to Joseph Hardin in 1829, and they were the parents of George A. Hardin.

*Chepachet.*—This is a hamlet in the northeast part of the town, with a post-office, over which James Dager is postmaster, at the railroad station. There is good water power here, which led to the settlement of the locality and the construction of mills. The first dam here was built by George Rounds to provide power for a saw-mill, which afterwards passed to possession of Isaac Simmons, and later to Charles Rice, who constructed a new dam above the old one and erected a grist-mill and the large stone house still standing. A distillery was once operated by Benjamin Carver where the shop of George Davis is now located. Charles Rice sold the grist-mill and saw-mill to Sanders Dodge, and the former was burned about 1840. The present grist-mill was built by Elmer Angell; he also had a blacksmith and trip-hammer shop. A dam was early in existence below the others, which furnished power for a cloth-dressing factory. It stood on a part of the farm of William Green, and was demolished by him about 1885. Charles Rice at one time had a furnace here, and it is said that he cast the first iron plows used in the county; it stood on the place now owned by George Bailey. Much of the business activity of this hamlet has disappeared.

*North Winfield*—Is a post-office in the northern part of the town; the office was established forty-one years ago and Josiah Warner was the postmaster. One year later it was taken by Nathaniel Morgan, now of West Winfield, who kept it forty years, to 1891. Earl M. Rider is the present postmaster. Mr. Morgan formerly kept a store there, but there is now no business carried on at this point. A saw and grist-mill and cheese box factory are operated by Mr. Rider; they were built many years ago by Zadock Rider.

Following is a list of supervisors of this town with date of their incumbency:

James Orton, 1816-17, Matthew Reith, 1818-26; Abraham Woodruff, 1827; Simon Bucklin, 1818-32; Benjamin Carver, 1833-37; David R. Carrier, 1838-39, 1853-

54; Daniel B. May, 1840-41; Gale, Judge 1842; Samuel McKee, 1843-44; Zenas Eldred, 1845-47, 1862-63; Levi S. Knight, 1848-49; Nathaniel M. Morgan, 1850; Almond Crandall, 1851-52; George Thomas, 1855; Walter Palmer, 1856-59; Myron Eldred, 1860-61; S. S. Morgan, 1864-69; N. D. Taylor, 1870-72; Emery Bartlett, 1871; Henry H. Morgan, 1873; Isaac T. Burgess, 1874; Henry M. Morgan, 1875-78; Myron A. McKee, 1879-81; Delevan L. Cook, 1882-83; Philip H. Brown, 1884-86; C. D. Wheeler, 1887; Dennis A. Dewey, 1888-90; Frank L. Brace, 1892-92.

## CHAPTER XXI.

### THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD.

THIS town was formed from German Flats at the same time as Frankfort—February 5, 1796. It includes within its boundaries parts of Bayard's and Staley's, and a small part of Conrad Frank's patents. The town is bounded on the north by Frankfort; on the east by Columbia; on the south by Winfield, and on the west by Oneida county. Its surface is elevated about 500 feet above the Mohawk and is moderately hilly. What are known as West Dry Hill and East Dry Hill are connected with elevated lands which form a water-shed, the streams on the northern side flowing to the Mohawk and those on the southern side to the Susquehanna. In the southern part of the town is Kibby's Pond, a small body of water without visible outlet or inlet. Cedar Lake, in the southwest part, contains twenty-five acres. Wheelock's Pond, containing about five acres, named after Alvin Wheelock, an early settler, is the source of Moyer Creek, which flows west and northward from near the center of the town. The east branch of the Unadilla has its source in the western part and flows south. While some of the hill soil is thin in some localities, most of the town is arable and fertile. There are several springs in the town the waters of which are impregnated with sulphur.

Litchfield was not settled until after the Revolution, when in 1786 Elijah Snow, a native of Massachusetts, settled on what is known as Wheelock's Hill, formerly called "Snow's Bush." William Brewer and Frederick Goodale, of Massachusetts, John Andrews, Christopher

Rider from Connecticut, Ebenezer Drewry (or Drury) and John Everett from New Hampshire, and John and Eleazer Crosby from Connecticut, came into the town about the year 1787. Samuel Miller from Connecticut, came in 1788, and James Gage and Nathaniel Ball from New Hampshire arrived about the same time. Selah Holcomb settled here in 1791. Other early settlers were Nathaniel Fish, Silas Hamilton, John Locke, William Hadley, Ira Wilkinson, Timothy Fuller, Harry Crane, John Ross, William Brayton, Daniel Ellsworth, John S. Avery, David Beals, John Paddock, Samuel Matthews, James Schooley, and the Gilletts in the Crane's Corners vicinity, William Brewer, the Underwoods on Jerusalem Hill, John Ingersol, Abner Rising, the Gaylord and Congdon families on Jerusalem Hill, Aaron Goodier at what is known as Goodier's Corners, the Washburns, Burpees, and others elsewhere mentioned. Selah Holcomb settled in the Cedarville section, as also did Nathaniel Fish; William Hadley, also, whose grandson, J. I. Hadley, is still living. A. B. Wilkinson died in 1890; he then occupied the homestead of his father, Ira; Timothy Fuller settled at Jerusalem Hill where he has grandsons still living; Jeremiah Kinne is represented by his son Jeremiah; and John S. Avery, who lived to be nearly a centenarian, is represented in the town by his son William; Samuel Matthews by his grandson Chauncey at Cedarville; David Beal by his grandson Oliver; the James Schooley home is owned by his son Andrew; Chester D. Gaylord occupies the homestead of his father, Lyman, near North Litchfield, and Samuel Norton the homestead of his father, Russell, in that vicinity. James Congdon is represented by his son, A. G. Congdon, near Cedar Lake; and Richard Smith by his son W. H. Smith in the same section. Lewis Devendorf was a son of Henry, and C. T. and E. F. Wheelock are grandsons of Alvin; (see history of Winfield). The farm of Lester Smith is now owned by Seymour, and Aaron Goodier's homestead by his grandsons, near Goodier's Corners. Representatives also of the families of Nathaniel Ball (his grandson, H. H., being town clerk), children of Ebenezer Bennett, Archibald Parker, and others still reside in the town. Jonas Washburn settled early on Jerusalem Hill on the farm now occupied by his son, Edward V. Washburn; and in the same vicinity Lyman Gaylord lives on the farm settled by Nathan Underwood. Ransford Cole's

father settled early at North Litchfield, and George E. Holland, the present merchant and postmaster, bought the farm twenty-one years ago. He also carries on the manufacture of lime.

The first school was taught by Jeremiah Everett; there are now nine districts in the town. The first store was kept by David Davis and the first tavern by Joseph Sheppard. John Littlejohn established the first grist-mill about 1806.

The first town meeting was held on the 5th of April, 1796, and the following officers were elected:

Supervisor, Abel Brace; town clerk, Josiah Sheppard; assessors, John Littlejohn, Wm. C. Jones, Jeremiah Holmes; overseers of the poor, Joseph Hooker and Joseph Walker; commissioners of highways, Asa Way, Oliver Harwood, Samuel Murray; constables, Peleg Harwood, Abel Brace, jr., Timothy Greenly; collectors, Abel Brace, jr., Timothy Greenly; school commissioners, Abel Brace, Tilley Richardson, Josiah Sheppard.

The first road laid out after the formation of Litchfield is described as "a road from Aaron Budlong's to Josiah Shepard's," and was surveyed by Israel Porter and recorded in May, 1796. The old Utica and Minden turnpike crossed this town and the Ilion and Cedarville plank road was built in 1848; it was a toll road until 1868. The Utica and Burlington plank road crossed the town, ending at Burlington Flats.

At the present time there is no manufacturing of any account in Litchfield. The farming community is fairly prosperous and carries on cheese-making to a large extent. There are six cheese factories in the town, one of which, the Kinne factory, was the second one established in the county. In early years wool was extensively produced, but since 1870-75 little has been done in this industry. The Litchfield furnace was established in 1816, on Moyer creek, near the Frankfort town line. The ore used came from Oneida county, and considerable smelting and casting was done for a number of years. Charcoal was used in the furnace, which gave the farmers who were clearing their lands quite a source of profit. Elisha Wetmore was the last owner of the furnace.

There are a few small hamlets in Litchfield, but no village of importance. Cedarville, a part of which is in the town, has been sufficiently noticed in the history of Columbia. Crane's Corners (Litchfield post-office) is in the northeastern part of the town, and was named after Harry Crane, before named as an early settler, who kept a tavern there in early



years. John Ecker was an early merchant and Roswell Champion carried on a tannery. Warner Wheelock kept a store a number of years. There is no business there now. Stephen Matthews is postmaster, succeeding Thomas Cary, and he succeeded Seymour Gage, who had the office a number of years.

North Litchfield is a hamlet and post-office in the northern part of the town, with George E. Holland as postmaster. This has been known as Day's Corners, after Almeron Day, who kept a store here. Mr. Holland took the post office in 1875, buying out the business of Mr. Day. He also carries on the manufacture of lime, in which business John E. Salisbury and Dixon & Lewis are also engaged in that vicinity.

Cedar Lake is a hamlet and post-office in the southern part of the town. Edwin Goodier is postmaster, succeeding Almeron Norton in 1891. The old saw-mill belongs to the estate of John Gird. A store is kept by Duane Histed and B. F. Wheeler is the blacksmith.

A post-office was established ten or twelve years ago at Norwich Corners, where a store was formerly kept. N. L. Harrison is the present postmaster.

The town of Litchfield is divided into nine school districts, and while there is no institution of learning in the town of higher grade than the common schools, these are kept up with sufficient vigor to suffice for the needs of the community.

*Churches.*—The First Baptist church of Litchfield was organized at the house of Nathaniel Ball on the 15th of March, 1795. Meetings were held in private houses until the school-house at North Litchfield was finished in 1815. The first pastor was Elder Harris. The first church building was erected in 1834, and it was remodeled in 1875. Services have been kept up with considerable regularity, either by settled pastors or by students from Madison University.

Congregational (Presbyterian) Church.—A church that was Congregational in form was organized in the town in August, 1796; but its history is unknown and unobtainable. On the 24th of December, 1840, "a number of the inhabitants of the town for the purpose of enjoying social and religious privileges, met at the school-house near John Underwood's and, agreeable to the statute of this State, formed themselves into a religious society called the Litchfield First Congregational Socie-



ty, with constitution and rules of government." The first trustees were Ebenezer Cowles, Timothy Foster, Wm. Brewer, Francis Smiley, John Underwood, Isaac Jillet and Eliphalet Fuller. In April, 1813, the church took the name of the Litchfield Presbyterian Society and joined the presbytery of Oneida, with Rev. Thomas Mills as pastor; he continued until 1820. The first church building was commenced at Jerusalem Hill about the year 1810, and was finally finished in 1814. This building in course of time fell into decay and a smaller church was erected across the road. In 1890 this building was removed to near the site of the first one. Services have been generally regular, either by settled pastors or by students of Auburn Theological Seminary. Rev. John H. Pollock is the present pastor.

The Norwich Congregational Church — Was organized in 1799, with over eighty members. The first church was built in 1802, and was struck by lightning and burned in 1810. In the following year the present church was erected. In 1842 it was remodeled. The first minister was Rev. John Eastman, who remained ten years. In about the year 1845 an unhappy dissension arose in the church which divided into two factions, each of which had services most of the time for more than twenty years, and until 1866, when they were again united under the ministry of Rev. David Biggar. In May, 1876, the society united with the Jerusalem Hill church. At the present time the society, though small, is prosperous and active.

The Methodist Episcopal Church — At Cedar Lake was formed probably previous to 1813. Aaron Goodier, one of the pioneers, and an estimable preacher, was ordained as a deacon in that year. A church was built in 1838, and dedicated by Aaron Goodier and Zachariah Paddock; this was burned in 1858, and the present church erected in its place in 1862.

The Methodist Society — At Crane's Corners was formed very early in the present century, for a wooden church owned by the society was standing in 1804. A new church, which is still in use, was built about the year 1862, at a cost of \$3,000. There is no service held there at the present time. This church and the ones at Frankfort Hill and Cedar Lake were served by the same ministers for many years.

The First Universalist Society — Of North Litchfield was organized March 19, 1838, with Samuel Rider, Horace E. Ball and William Wet-

more as trustees; Boughton Everett, clerk. Rev. Dolphus Skinner and T. D. Cook were among the early ministers. Rev. O. A. Brownson served the church for many years.

Following is a list of supervisors of this town, with date of their incumbency :

1796, Abel Brace ; 1799, Abel Brace and Francis Smiley ; 1800, Francis Smiley ; 1801, Francis Smiley and Mason Hatfield ; 1802, Mason Hatfield ; 1805, Jared J. Hooker ; 1806, Selah Holcomb ; 1808, Abraham Woodruff ; 1810, Benjamin Wood ; 1812, George Paddock ; 1813, James Orton ; 1816, Matthew Keith ; 1817, John Everett ; 1822, John Ross ; 1824, Samuel Fish ; 1826, Stephen Crosby ; 1828, Thomas Phelon ; 1830, Samuel Rider ; 1832, Selah Holcomb ; 1833, Thomas Phelon ; 1835, Jonathan Butler ; 1838, Samuel Rider ; 1840, Elias W. Fish ; 1842, Alanson Townsend ; 1844, Julius C. Warren ; 1846, Elias W. Fish ; 1847, Amasa B. Miller ; 1848, William Brayton ; 1850, Anson Rider ; 1852, James M. Dodge ; 1854, Boughton Everett ; 1856, Horace E. Ball ; 1858, Archibald Parker ; 1860, Alonzo L. Fish ; 1863, Philander Rewry ; 1865, Archibald Parker ; 1867, Alonzo L. Avery ; 1871, Jacob M. Beals ; 1873, Chauncey Matthews ; 1878, Chauncey Matthews ; 1879-1883, H. L. Harrison ; 1884 1887, Levi C. Smith ; 1888-1890, Irving K. Fish ; 1891-1892, E. B. Holcomb.

## CHAPTER XXII.

### THE TOWN OF FRANKFORT.

THE town of Frankfort was formed from German Flats on the 5th of February, 1796. In 1798 a part of it was annexed to Deerfield in Oneida county. It is bounded northerly by the town of Schuyler; easterly by Herkimer and German Flats; southerly by Litchfield, and westerly by Oneida county. The Mohawk River flows along its northern boundary. The town is watered by many small brooks, and the soil is fertile. Limestone exists in the southwestern part, from which excellent lime is made.

Frankfort contains a considerable portion of Cosby's Manor, and about one and one-quarter of a tier of great lots in Bayard's patent, four lots in Burnetsfield, and about half a lot in Frank's patent, four and a half lots in Staley's, and a part of Colden's patent. The original western limit of the town was at the foot of what is now Genesee street

in Utica. After leaving the valley of the Mohawk, which averages about half a mile in width in this town, the surface is hilly. Moyer Creek flows into the Mohawk at Frankfort, and Ferguson Creek discharges into the river about a mile from the west boundary of the town. The principal business of the farming community is dairying, which is very successfully pursued.

Frankfort received its name from Lawrence Frank, who was among the early settlers. The first permanent settler was Jacob Folts, who came in 1723, with other Palatines. He was given lot No. 3, of the Burnetsfield patent, south of the river, and afterwards became owner of the adjoining lot, No. 2. This lot remained in possession of members of the Folts family until recent times. Conrad Folts was a brother of Jacob, and was lost in the Mohawk in June, 1793, leaving nine children, among whom was Jacob C. Folts, who was the ancestor of Jacob J. Folts. Col. James Folts was another prominent member of this family. The ancestral home of the family was erected by Jacob C. Folts, and for many years was the finest residence in the town.<sup>1</sup> Other early settlers were Andrew Piper, David Dederick, Aaron James, Evan Evans, Joseph Harris, John Morris, John Myers, Adam Weber. Some of these were of Welsh origin, of which nationality a large number settled in the upper Mohawk valley about the year 1800 and later.

Sylvester Joslin, whose farm is still owned by his granddaughter, was an early settler of Frankfort; also Christopher Joslin, who has a grandson living in Frankfort village; as well as Alexander Watson, whose farm is occupied by his grandson, Alexander B. Watson. Amos Tillinghast came early, and his farm is in part occupied by his descendants; also John Joslin, whose land is occupied by Merritt F. Joslin; Aaron

<sup>1</sup> To Jacob Folts was assigned lot No. 3 on the south side of the Mohawk River. This lot is in the town of Frankfort and is now owned by Daniel W. Folts, who is a descendant in a direct line from the original proprietor of the lot, and which has been in the same name and blood for more than one hundred and fifty years. Jacob Folts, the original proprietor of lot No. 3, was a useful man in the church of German Flats and to his country. He held a commission in the Provincial army, issued by Governor Moore, bearing date October 8, 1768. He became owner of the adjoining lot No. 2 before the War of the Revolution; and by his will, which is dated October 16, 1793, he gave to his grandson, Warner Folts, his lot No. 3, and to his grandson, Jacob C. Folts, lot No. 2. He died in 1807, at the great age of 97 years, and consequently was only 13 years of age when lot No. 3 was originally assigned to him. His grandson, Warner Folts, was the father of Daniel W. Folts, the present owner and occupant of lot No. 3; and his grandson, Jacob C. Folts, was the father of Col. James Folts, the present owner and occupant of lot No. 2. The present occupant of lot No. 3 is in the fourth generation of the same name and blood as owner of the lot.—From Samuel Earl's writings of 1876.

Budlong, still represented by his grandson Robert ; Samuel Ferguson, by his grandson, James D. ; William Bridenbecker, by his grandsons, Judson and Sherwood B., sons of Alexander. These men and others laid the foundation of the prosperous town ; opened roads, built mills and cleared the forests.

Others who settled in this town and became prominent in its affairs were John B. Dygert, Chauncey Devendorf, who was for forty years a merchant ; Edward Davis, who lived about two miles west of Frankfort village ; Epaphroditus Palmer, a prominent farmer just east of the village ; William H. Tisdale, who is still living ; and Robert Etheridge. Sketches of others appear a little further on.

The first town meeting was undoubtedly held in 1796, but the records are mutilated and do not show its proceedings. In 1797 the following town officers were elected :

Joseph McKee, Benjamin Levale, David Dederick, Benjamin Ballou, Jeremiah Powell, Ezekiel Baker, Thomas Whitecomb, and Samuel Wood, overseers of highways, fence viewers and poundmasters ; Joseph McKee, Solomon Johnson and Joseph Lowe, commissioners of schools ; and it was " voted that the next annual town meeting be held at the house of David Dederick. Attest Joseph McKee, town clerk."

The usual town regulations were adopted. In 1799 it was voted that the town be divided "into four wards for the convenience of erecting pounds." Running at large of cattle, the height of fences, etc., were regulated by early ordinances. Some of the numerous entries relative to stray cattle are very curious, as witness the following :

In 1815 Michael Widrig had taken up "four calfs ; one of them a Bool Calf, and three are black, one with a wite face, and the other two some wite spots on their forret." Jesse Hamblin took up "one Red Cow bout twelve years old, without any mark, the Right horn Lops down and a short tale ;" and Jacob Hofstater records "one Red Cow with a pease of wood on her horns."

Warner Folts, of this town, had at least one slave as late as 1822, concerning which the following record appears :

I, Warner Folts, of the town of Frankfort, in the county of Herkimer, farmer, do certify that a negro girl named Susan, to whose service I am entitled, was born of Flora, a slave, then owned by Mr. Doneken, in Canajoharie, in the county of Montgomery, on the 28th day of February, 1804, according to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

CALEB BUDLONG, Town Clerk.

WARNER FOLTS.

There were at first eight road districts in the town; and in 1832, previous to which date the school records are lost, there were eleven school districts.

It is believed that there was a grist-mill and a saw-mill on the creek just east of the site of Frankfort village previous to the Revolution, which were both burned by the French and Indians in 1757. In 1794 John Hollister built another saw-mill, and near it, on Moyer creek, Adam I. Campbell built a grist-mill in 1808. In 1823 it was abandoned and a second was built near the other, which last mentioned one was burned in 1853. A paper-mill was erected on the site which was converted into a distillery, and that into the present grist-mill.

The first tavern in the town was kept in 1795 by John Myers, about a mile and a half northwest from the present village of Frankfort, on the State road.

About 1816 Matthew and Michael Myers built a large ashery on the bank of the river near the village, which was successfully operated for many years. George W. Henry established a manufactory of cow-bells in 1823, and later engaged in various enterprises. Several attempts have been made in Herkimer and Oneida counties to develop iron industries, both in smelting and manufacturing. The Frankfort furnace was established in 1819, by a stock company, bringing its ore from Clinton, Oneida county. It was quite successful for some years, but was finally abandoned. The town of Salisbury has an iron ore bed.

The Frankfort Woolen Factory was built in 1807 by Joseph Ingham, of Schuyler, and Joseph Collins, of Frankfort. It has continued to do business until the present time, the first primitive machinery being used down to 1865, when Robert Kerr purchased it from Mr. Collins, and refitted it with modern machinery. It was the first woolen factory in Herkimer county.

Dr. Caleb Budlong was the first physician in the town and village of Frankfort; he was one of the four persons who made up the first graduating class of Fairfield Medical College in 1817. The first attorney was Samuel Chapman. Later Col. George B. Judd was a prominent lawyer in this town.

Following is a list of supervisors of Frankfort, with date of their incumbency:

In 1796, James Kipp; 1798, Joseph McKee; 1801, Aaron Budlong; 1806, Warner Folts; 1807, John Joslin; 1822, Joseph French; 1825, Samuel Ethridge; 1826, John B. Dygert; 1828, Erastus Everett; 1832, Warner Folts; 1833, Robert Cook; 1835, Caleb Budlong; 1839, John Morgan; 1841, Warner Dygert; 1843, William Bridenbecker; 1844, James Macauley; 1845, Lewis F. Joslin; 1846, Charles Crow; 1847, Chauncey Devendorf; 1848, Edward Davis; 1849, Edward Davis, jr.; 1850, Epaphroditus Palmer; 1851, William Gates, jr; 1853, James M. Hulser; 1854, George Johnson; 1855, William Gates; 1856, Peter J. Hotaling; 1859, Richard Davis; 1860, William H. Tisdale; 1861, Robert Ethridge; 1863, Lewis Davis; 1864, Robert Ethridge; 1865, Thomas Devendorf; 1867, Archibald McGowan; 1870, John W. Bridenbecker; 1871, P. A. Skiff; 1874, W. H. H. Parkhurst; 1875, William W. Crosby; 1878-1881, W. W. Crosby; 1882-1885, George I. Seaman; 1886-1889, John Loftis; 1890, C. W. Harter; 1891, George I. Seaman; 1892, John T. Kerivan.

The building of the Erie Canal and the later opening of the railroad, with a station at the northeast corner of the town (though just in the edge of Schuyler) inspired the hope felt all along the line, that they would lead to the rapid development of the town and village; but such a hope was to a large extent groundless, as must always be the case with the larger number of railroad towns. The opening of the West Shore road, however, in 1883, proved a boon to Frankfort, through the liberality of her citizens. When it became known that the immense shops of the new railroad would be located where the most generous offers were made of land and other conveniences, the people of Frankfort village and other citizens of the county and State fairly out-bid all other points, gave the company real estate valued at about \$75,000 and secured the prize. The present great shops, employing several hundred men at all seasons, were erected, and have been the means of giving the village a degree of vitality and thrift which it could not otherwise have acquired.

In 1872 the village of Frankfort was connected with Ilion by a street railroad, giving frequent and easy connection with that village, as well as with Mohawk and Herkimer by similar lines.

In 1807 there were only seven houses within the limits of the present corporation of Frankfort village. About 1810 Jacob Weaver opened a tavern here, and in 1814 Matthew and Michael Myers opened a store nearly opposite the woolen factory. In 1809 a grist-mill was built, which is still standing, and in 1811 a tannery was erected by a Mr. Griswold; this was continued in operation until about 1860. Elias

Palmer made grain cradles here for a number of years, and until the sale of harvesting machines killed his business. A distillery was operated for some years after 1820.

On the 4th of May, 1863, the village was incorporated, and under the charter the first election was held on the 25th of May, when the following persons were elected trustees: J. W. Bridenbecker, president; A. W. Sheldon, Isaac Piper, M. Golden, Samuel Z. Hoard. The population was given in 1870 as 1,083; it is now (1892) about 2,800.

*Fire Department.*—At the time of the incorporation of the village, the apparatus for extinguishing fires consisted of one hand engine. This soon became nearly worthless, and in 1886 the authorities purchased a second-hand hand engine which was in effective use until 1883, when an Amoskeag steamer was purchased second-hand at a cost of \$1,100. The former Columbian Engine Co. took the steamer in charge, and with it was connected the Niagara Hose Company. This engine and company are now known as Columbian Steamer & Hose Co. No. 2, with the following officers: D. E. Tisdale, president; W. C. Abbott, vice-president; G. F. Tyne, secretary; H. S. Balda, treasurer; Martin Tucker, jr., foreman; John Owens, 1st assistant foreman; L. E. Nipe, 2d assistant foreman.

In 1886, a hook and ladder truck was purchased at a cost of \$625, and the H. H. Ingham H. & L. Co. No. 3 was formed, which now has the following officers: B. E. Durst, president; W. H. Thomas, vice-president; C. P. Johnson, secretary; H. C. Loris, treasurer; J. W. Powers, foreman; Robert Gordon, 1st assistant foreman; Frederick Parshall, 2d assistant foreman.

In 1890 a second steamer was purchased at a cost of \$1,200, and Honahan Steamer & Hose Co. No. 1 was formed with the following present officers: Y. F. Wells, president; T. J. Costello, vice-president; Frank Phillips, secretary; H. Steele, treasurer; Thomas Ashby, foreman; Edward Manning, 1st assistant foreman; F. D. Deuel, 2d assistant foreman.

The present brick engine-house was built in 1884 at a cost of \$3,500, and in it all the modern apparatus is kept. The old hand engine is kept on Main street, and the first steamer on the match factory premises.



The following are the department officers in 1892 :

Thomas Honahan, chief; R. J. Peuster, 1st assistant chief; John Manning, jr., 2d assistant chief; E. J. Carner, president; Frank Staring, M. D. Eagan, and B. J. Owen, vice-presidents; John Kerivan, jr., secretary; C. C. Harter, treasurer.

*Manufacture of Matches.*—The village of Frankfort has been known during many years as the location of a large match-making industry. This was first established by William Gates in 1844. His first building was only twelve feet square, and was situated some fifty rods from the present factory, on the bank of the canal. There the first matches were cut by hand, with a kind of plane, which cut about three at a time in width and a strip about three feet long. These were cut in pieces twice the length of the matches to be made, and dipped at both ends into melted sulphur. After drying in frames they were cut in the middle, put in hand-made boxes and peddled about in near-by places. Mr. Gates made also the block matches, which were split in blocks but not wholly separated, and were dipped a single block at a time. Those early matches brought a price more than ten times as high as the present price of matches.

Mr. Gates saw the great need of machinery with which to perform the work he had been doing by hand, and set himself about the task of inventing and making it. The result of his efforts, combined to some extent with the aid of others, finally resulted in machinery for making matches and the small boxes in which they are sold, that seems almost human and intelligent in its action. William Gates died July 28, 1877, and was succeeded by his sons, the style of William Gates's Sons being adopted August 1, 1877. Frederick Gates, one of the sons, is now a prominent capitalist of Harriman, Tennessee.

*Schools—Bank—Press.*—There are now fifteen school districts in the town of Frankfort, of which two are in the village, conducted under the Union Free-school system. The graded school, over which W. F. Moshier is principal, assisted by six teachers, is one of the best in the county. A new school building is being erected at a cost of \$20,000, with accommodations for 500 pupils. The building is of brick and will contain ten rooms.

In the year 1854 the Frankfort Bank was incorporated under the general law, with a capital of \$100,000. The first officers were: William



Bridenbecker, president; William Gates, vice-president; R. H. Pomeroy, cashier; and later Robert Ethridge, cashier. Business was continued until about 1870, when the affairs of the institution were closed up. The village was then without a bank until 1886, when the First National Bank of Frankfort was organized with a capital of \$50,000, and Henry Churchill was chosen president. He has held the office until the present time. The cashier was and still is A. W. Haslehurst, who is also cashier of the First National Bank of Herkimer; this leaves the immediate charge of the Frankfort bank in the hands of George H. Watson, as assistant cashier, who has been in the position since the bank was organized. The directors are Henry Churchill, H. G. Munger, George P. Folts, L. R. Hunt, W. W. Crosby, George A. Smith, John Loftis, George H. Watson, A. W. Haslehurst. The bank has a surplus of \$9,000 and about \$88,000 deposits. The old bank building was purchased and is now occupied.

On the 1st of January, 1881, J. G. Hardell started a newspaper in Newport, Herkimer county, called the *Newport Advertiser*, which he continued until 1883, when he enlarged it to eight pages and changed the name to the *Newport Register*. In 1885 he removed it to Frankfort and changed the name to conform to the new location. The paper enjoys a circulation of about 1,000 and is liberally supported.

*Churches.*—The Baptist church in Frankfort was formed by a few persons who were granted letters of dismission from the church in Schuyler, in December, 1828. The church was organized by a council at Masonic Hall, Frankfort, January 27, 1829. This movement was effected chiefly by Elder Stephen Wilkins, who was the first pastor. In addition to several supplies who served the church at different short periods, the society has had as regular pastors:

Elders N. G. Chase, 1830-32; Lewis Ranstead, 1833-36; Rev. Thomas Houston, 1836-42; Rev. Newell Boughton, 1842-46; and then Rev. R. G. Toles became pastor in 1849; Rev. William B. Curtis in 1853; Rev. M. Mumford in 1854; Rev. G. P. Martin in 1859; Rev. J. C. Ward in 1860; Rev. A. Lindsay in 1869; Rev. A. Le Roy, a part of 1873; Rev. H. M. Perry to 1876; Rev. H. Garlick, who began in 1876; Rev. M. W. Haynes, 1880-83; Rev. Amos Myers, 1883-85; Rev. J. A. Ford, 1885-88; Rev. J. R. Shaw, 1888-92.

Services were held in various places until 1834, when the first building was erected, at a cost of \$1,300. It was burned in 1861, and in

the same year another and a larger structure was erected at a cost of \$2,500. The church membership in 1892 was 153.

There was a Methodist class in Frankfort long before the organization of the church, which took place about the year 1842. The society grew in numbers, but it was not made a station until 1849, in which year the first church building was erected; it was of brick and cost \$1,800. It was dedicated in February, 1850, Rev. B. F. Devendorf preaching the sermon. About twenty years later the site of the old Dutch Reformed church was purchased by the Methodist society, and there the present church edifice was erected. The old Reformed church was moved away to make room for the new one. The Reformed church building was the first church erected in Frankfort, and was built about the year 1825. The new church cost about \$6,000, and was dedicated in June, 1869. The pastors of the church have been as follows:

1850-51, D. Stone; 1852-53, T. D. Mitchell; 1854, R. S. Frasier; 1855-56, A. M. Smith; 1857, J. V. Ferguson; 1858-59, Orra Squire; 1860-61, C. H. Austin; 1862-63, F. Zimmerman; 1864-65, Cyrus Phillips; 1866-68, W. L. Tisdale; 1869-71, B. F. Barker; 1872-74, S. P. Gray; 1875, J. L. Humphrey; 1876-78, M. R. Webster; 1879-82, William F. Brown; 1882-85, Harlow Skeel; 1885-88, R. J. Smith; 1888-90, J. L. Humphrey; 1890-92, S. W. Brown.

Other Methodist societies existed at an early day in this town, services being held in school-houses and elsewhere. These were consolidated in 1840, under the pastorate of L. Beach, and in that year a church was built. It was used until 1872, when another was erected in its place at Frankfort Hill, costing \$8,000. The society has prospered satisfactorily and still holds services with regularity.

About the year 1820 a class was formed at West Frankfort, with Samuel Barnes as leader. On the 28th of January, 1839, the class was organized into a church, which was called the Third Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frankfort. A church was built in 1840; was repaired in 1873-4 and rededicated February 18, 1874. The church property is worth about \$2,000.

The First Universalist church of Frankfort was organized in 1838, and Rev. Dolphus Skinner, a very able man, was pastor from that time until 1850. From 1838 until 1844 meetings were held in Masonic Hall, but in the last named year the present church was built. The

present membership is sixty. Mr. Skinner was succeeded in the pastorate by Richard Eddy, and he by Josiah Bartlett in 1851. D. C. O'Daniels was pastor in 1854; T. D. Cook in 1857; Daniel Ballou in 1865, and again in 1873, and for a number of years thereafter. W. H. Grigsby and C. B. Richardson also served the church between 1868 and 1873. J. J. Brayton preaches at the present time in Frankfort and Utica.

St. Alban's Episcopal church of Frankfort was organized in 1888. A church building had already been erected in 1886 at a cost of about \$3,000. The first rector was Rev. Sheldon M. Griswold, of Ilion, who preached to the mission while the church was being provided. The church has since been served by pastors from Herkimer and Ilion, Rev. William Mason Cook, of the latter place, officiating at the present time. There are about forty communicants.

St. Peter's and St. Paul's Catholic church was formed under the administration of Rev. Father J. H. Halpin, now of Herkimer, December 16, 1885. A substantial and commodious brick church belongs to the congregation. When Father Halpin went to Herkimer he was succeeded by Rev. Patrick Wallace.

There are five post-offices in the town of Frankfort, the one at Frankfort village being under charge of Thomas Honahan as postmaster. At Frankfort Center the postmaster is W. L. Tisdale. At the Gulf John Alvord has the post-office; at McGowan's, A. W. McGowan is postmaster. At Frankfort Hill H. C. Pryne is postmaster. There is no business of consequence at any of these points.

The present (1892) officers of Frankfort village are as follow: President, C. C. Harter; trustees, George Russell, G. F. Tine, A. L. Ashley, W. W. Duell; clerk, Frank Duell.

West Frankfort (now known as Harbor Station, on the West Shore Railroad), is a small settlement in the western part of the town, where a hotel is kept by D. C. Penny, and stores by John Near and Frank Van Dyke. Mail is received at Utica, four miles distant.

Frankfort Center was formerly known as Howard's Bush, and there has long been a saw-mill and cheese factory there. McGowansville, or East Frankfort, is on the canal about a mile east of Frankfort. It received its name from Hon. Archibald C. McGowan, ex-senator, who settled there in 1854, and is still living. He built a dry dock at that point, and has for many years carried on a mercantile business.

## CHAPTER XXIII.

## THE TOWN OF SCHUYLER.

THE town of Schuyler was formed from the town of Herkimer April 10, 1792. Since that date the town of Trenton was taken from it in 1797; Deerfield (Oneida county) in 1798, and a part of Newport in 1806. A part of Herkimer was annexed in 1808, and reannexed to Herkimer in 1811. (See New York session laws.) Schuyler is bounded on the north by Newport; east by Herkimer; south by the Mohawk River, and west by Oneida county. The valley of the Mohawk, with an average width of one and one-half miles, constitutes the southern part of the town, comprising about 6,000 acres, which is a rich productive section; while the hilly region of the remainder of the town is a slaty, gravelly soil, quite well adapted to tillage. The streams are small and flow into the Mohawk. The whole of Kast's patent and parts of Cosby's manor and Hasenclever's and Walton's patents constitute the territory of the town.

Among the white men who penetrated the wilderness in the western part of what is now Herkimer county as early or earlier than the Palatine settlements were made at Fort Herkimer (German Flats), was John Jurgh Kass (or Kast, as now written). He was one of the thrifty Germans who saw the possibilities of trade with the Indians, and it is known that he was among them in 1720 trading them ammunition and trinkets for their valuable furs. A tradition exists that he also sold them the coveted rum, and that for a keg of the "fire water" he bought about 11,000 acres of choice land, which he described, and that in 1724 his titled was confirmed to him by Great Britain. This was the earliest date of a patent in this country, although the Burnetsfield grantees (Kast being one) settled on their lands a year earlier. Some of the descendants of Kast are still living in this county.

The town of Schuyler probably suffered but little in the French and Indian war, its situation on the west of the frontier saving it, in a large measure, from savage incursions. Permanent settlement began in the

eastern part of the town about the year 1764, when Peter Hasenclever, an enterprising and wealthy German from Wurtemberg, came to the colony and erected iron works on the Hudson River near West Point; he also established trading posts farther west, and obtained a site for settlement at what is now East Schuyler. During the period preceding the Revolution this was the extreme western settlement in this State.

While in Wurtemberg on a visit Hasenclever pictured to the German peasants the wonders of the new world in such glowing colors that a number of them consented to emigrate. Hasenclever provided them with means for their passage to his settlement, and agreed to supply them and their families with subsistence for three years in return for their service. He built an ashery, probably the first frame building, and the first manufactory of any kind within the present bounds of Schuyler. He also had a store (the first in Herkimer county), which was situated on land now occupied by the widow of D. I. Bridenbecker. Potash and other products were shipped by Hasenclever down the Mohawk in flat boats, and merchandise and provisions returned in the same manner. He also began to build a saw-mill on a small stream flowing into the Mohawk. This settlement he named "New Petersburg." Over thirty log houses were built for the people employed by Hasenclever, among whom were families named Bridenbecker, Staring, Bargy (formerly written Birch), Clemens, Widrig, Oyer (formerly written Aiyer and Irer), Finster, Keller, Steinway, and others. Descendants of several of these families still occupy land on which their ancestors first settled.

The Revolutionary War was the cause of the destruction and abandonment of New Petersburg. The business of the ashery and the trading were broken up and Hasenclever left the country for good. The ashery stood on ground now owned by Luther P. Staring.

Early in the struggle for independence the settlers in Schuyler realizing their exposed situation, adopted measures for protection. A piece of ground, now also owned by Mr. Staring, and on the rising land on which his house now stands, was enclosed by high pickets and was known as the "fort." Within this enclosure three or four log houses were built, into which the families retired at night, while during the day they worked on the near-by lands. The place was much harassed

by the Indians and Tories, and several of the inhabitants were killed or taken prisoners. The attacks at last became so frequent that the people were impelled to flee into Fort Dayton, abandoning their homes until the close of the war. Among the women who petitioned the Legislature after the war for assistance, were several widows of settlers at New Petersburg.

Schuyler, as we have seen, was a part of Herkimer until 1792. Before that year a good many families from the Eastern States had come into this part of the valley, purchased the farms of some of the Germans, and settled permanently on the hill land back from the flats. In early times it was a prevailing theory that the valley would be extremely wealthy as a place for settlement and living, and nearly or quite all of the early emigrants located first on the high ground. The first roads were often on the hill sides. The increase of population following the Revolution led to the division of Herkimer and the creation of Schuyler. The town was named in honor of Gen. Philip Schuyler, who, with his relatives, the Bleeckers, owned a considerable tract in the eastern part of Cosby's Manor. Possession of several extensive lots was obtained, after some difficulty, by surveying five lots of one hundred acres each across the large lots. This tract was nearly midway between the river and the head line adjoining Hasenclever's patent; it was just half a mile wide and nearly two miles long, and has been known as the "five hundred acre tract." The original large lots in the manor were surveyed with the lines running at right angles from the river to the north head line and numbered from east to west; but as Kast's patent was within the manor, those lots that lay between that patent and the head line were much shorter than those east and west of them, and hence have been and are known as "Short Lots."

The "Windfall," so called, is in the northern part of the town. It gained its name from a portion of the original forest that was felled by a tornado. George Whaley and the Barbers were the first settlers in that section.

"The Bush" was thus named by the Germans, it remaining an unbroken forest long after the lower settlements were made. Haywood Minott, and three Johnson brothers, Lyman, Josiah and Rawson, were among the pioneers in this immediate locality. The section has been known as Minott's Corners.

A little north of East Schuyler (or New Petersburg, or Germantown, by all of which names it has been known) was Stone Arabia, situated on high ground, the neighborhood of which was long known by the Yankees as "the Dutch Settlement." In this vicinity Baultis Bridenbecker settled on land that is still in possession of members of the family. His grandsons, D. T. and Amos Bridenbecker, were prominent among the farmers of the town. Luther P. Staring also lived on land that was settled by his grandfather, and later was owned by his father. A son of Daniel Oyer still lives on the farm where his great-grandfather settled, who was killed in the battle of Oriskany. He spelled his name "Iver."

The central and western parts of the town were not much settled until about the beginning of the present century. Elisha Ladd came in 1804, and Stephen and Elisha Rose came from Connecticut and settled in the "Short Lots." Jonathan Richardson came in early and also the Budlongs. Thomas Wood, Charles Brown, and Charles Christian were among the first settlers at West Schuyler. Descendants of most of these are still residents here. The first brick house in town was built at West Schuyler by Lovel Burch in 1830, and Calvin Wood built one soon afterward; both are yet standing. Hiram Tanner built the third about a mile north of West Schuyler.

After the failure of Hasenclever to build a saw-mill, no other was built until about 1768, when John Finster erected one at East Schuyler, on the Bridenbecker Creek, opposite his house. Later he built another lower down on the same stream, and both were of great importance to the pioneers, in giving them lumber for houses and barns. Elisha Rose built the second mill in the town on the Staring Creek and a Mr. Augur also built one. These long ago disappeared. A saw-mill was built in 1826 on the Mohawk by Amos Smith, Robert Burch and Mason Barker, on what is known as the Bradstreet farm; it was not operated very long. Two grist-mills had been built on the Staring Creek, but they long ago succumbed to the ravages of time. One of them was built by Dr. Joseph Carder, on the farm now owned by his grandsons, Homer and Horace. The other was built by Robert Hinchman, and was about half a mile below the Carder mill. A grist-mill was also built by a man named Brown above these mentioned and on a small stream flowing into Staring Creek, near where the State road crosses the creek; he also built a



saw-mill on the same site, which he operated a short time. All of these have disappeared. About 1845 Vaughn Sweet bought the clothing-mill at West Schuyler and built a grist-mill on the site; with the failure of water this mill was, like the others, abandoned. A cloth-dressing mill was built at West Schuyler not far from 1812, by Charles Brown, which passed to possession of Lovel Burch, who operated it several years when lack of that class of business in a farming community caused its abandonment. Robert Burch carried on an early tannery at West Schuyler, and there was one at East Schuyler, both of which disappeared many years ago. All of these early manufactories have been displaced by the more profitable cheese factories; of these there are now five in the town.

Among the very early merchants it is said that a man named Thompson kept a store during the Revolutionary War, between the turnpike and the river, on land owned in later years by James Staring, near the fording place. Hasenclever had a store near where Nicholas and James Bridenbecker live. Philip Knapp had a store at the end of Richardson lane. A store was also located near where the half-way house was formerly kept, and one has existed many years at East Schuyler, generally in connection with the post-office. Among the merchants there have been David Smith, A. G. Colwell, Jesse Johnson, George H. Elwell, Duane Richardson, Edward Haver (who is also now post-master), and Newell Miller. The latter has also the grist-mill at East Schuyler. Isaac Tallman, Ira Gordon, Warren Budlong, and Dorman Robbins kept stores at West Schuyler. Brayton Wood and William H. Griffith are the present merchants of that place, the latter succeeding L. D. Goodwin & Son.

Adam Staring, it is said, kept the earliest tavern of which there is any knowledge, in a log dwelling where the fort stood at the time of the Revolution. Amos Smith afterwards built a public house near where Staring had been, which was used as a stopping-place for stages and in which the post-office at East Schuyler was kept. Next westward from this was the popular half-way house, so called from its being midway between Utica and Herkimer. The construction of the railroad caused its removal, after which it was used as a farm house. Judge Henri Staring kept a tavern at one period, and nearly two miles



west William K. Knapp had a public house. At West Schuyler Charles Brown built a commodious tavern in 1811, in which he, Isaac Tallman and Ira Gordon kept a tavern or store, the latter during a period of twenty-two years. It is in this building that Brayton Wood now carries on business. The heavy stage travel of olden times through this valley gave liberal support to these various public houses; but with the building of the canal and railroads they rapidly fell into disuse. At the present time there is no tavern in the town.

Schuyler was divided into school districts in 1813, but schools had been taught in the town long previous to that date. A German school was taught at East Schuyler under the patronage of Mr. Hasenclever, and another very early in the Stone Arabia section. A receipt is in existence given by "Henry Andrew Cramer, a schoolmaster," dated at "New Petersburg, 18th March, 1791," acknowledging that "Jacob Widrig paid one scheple (three pecks) of wheat, three scheples of maize, and one shilling for church and school bill in the year 1790 to the end of March, 1791, in full of all demands." A small school was taught by Cramer's wife in their dwelling on the farm now owned by Ira P. Budlong. This was the old Cramer homestead. The first school-house was built on the site of the present one in district No. 4 in 1809, and others followed soon after the division into districts. There are now nine districts in the town.

The Great Western Turnpike passes through this town, but it existed as a roadway, although more crooked than at present, long before the turnpike company was formed in 1802. The company took possession of the road, straightened and otherwise improved it and charged toll. What has been known as the "Steuben road" is partly in this town, some of it having been discontinued. It received its name from Baron Steuben, who was desirous of opening a highway from his home in Oneida county to the village of Herkimer, and accordingly employed a large number of men for that purpose. He laid out the road on the high land between the Mohawk and West Canada Creek, so as to avoid bridging the small streams that flow to the river and the creek. An early road was opened during the Revolution, from near the former residence of Judge Staring, where the turnpike crosses Staring Creek to the river, and where there was a good fording place. It was long ago

abandoned. The State road, laid out by commissioners appointed by the State, leads from West Canada Creek through "the Bush." There are four bridges across the Mohawk in this town, two at the east and two at the west end.

With no village of importance in a favorable locality, the town of Schuyler received little direct benefit from the opening of the railroads through the valley. Even if it had been otherwise, the proximity of the inhabitants to the thriving city of Utica would have precluded any consequent growth from the railroad. The town population is almost wholly of farmers, and many of the older families, especially of the northern part, have gone away and their lands have passed to the possession of others.

The first town meeting in Schuyler was held on the second of April, 1793, at the house of Captain George G. Weber. The following officers were elected :

Francis Guiteau, town clerk; Isaac Brayton, supervisor; George Witherick, G. G. Weber, W. Fanning and J. Stafford, sr., assessors; Enoch and John Ladd and Thomas Nicholas, commissioners of highways; Abel Austin, collector; James Denslow, Abel Austin and Andrew Bennett, constables; John Warren and Peter Fox, poormasters; James Cary, James Denslow, John Warren, Nicholas Weber, David Andrew, Nicholas Staring, Nathaniel White and Thomas Cain, pathmasters. The spelling of these names is as they appear on the records.

Following is a list of supervisors of this town, and date of their incumbency :

Isaac Brayton, 1793-96; William Fanning, 1796-98; Henry Coffin, 1798-1800; Benjamin Larned, 1800-02; Asaph Mather, 1802-04; Robert Burch, 1804-07, 1814-15; Gideon Johnson, 1807-14-15-26; Thomas Burch, 1826-29; Joshua Mather, 1829-31-32-34; Lovel Burch, 1831-32; Calvin Wood, 1834-36; Nathan Budlong, 1836-38; Nathan Budlong, jr., 1838-39-40-41-42-44; George Burch, 1839-40; Vaughn Sweet, 1841-42-44-45; Henry N. Staring, 1845-47; Charles B. Ingham, 1847-49; Samuel Budlong, 1849-51; Warren Richardson, 1851-52; Erasmus W. Day, 1852-55, 1859-60; John W. Davison, 1853-54, 1860-62; Leland L. Kane, 1855-57, 1862-71; Warren D. Budlong, 1857-58; James B. Ladd, 1858-59, 1871-73; John M. Budlong, 1873-74, 1877-83; Warren W. Richardson, 1874-76; W. V. Minott, 1884-85; Duane M. Richardson, 1886-91; Rufus H. Smith, 1892.

The town of Schuyler has been represented in the Legislature of this State by Robert Burch in 1811 and 1812; Olmsted Hough in 1813; George Burch, son of Robert Burch, in 1840; Harris Lewis in 1857 and 1858; and Erasmus W. Day in 1869.

It is known that the German early settlers held regular religious services from the first, as they did in all the towns in which they dwelt. The first building in which public services were held was Hasenclever's, and the first building erected for church services was the school-house (intended also for school) already alluded to in district No. 4. This building was erected by personal contributions and was used for many years for school and church purposes. It was removed in 1836 to make room for the present school-house.

The Baptist society at East Schuyler erected a church building in 1821-22, on the site since occupied by the stone school house of district No. 3. In 1833 this building was taken down and again erected about a mile east of West Schuyler. The membership declined, the church became disorganized and the owner of the land demolished the building under his lease.

In 1835 the Methodist Protestant church, a small society in "Stone Arabia" and "the Bush," feeling the need of a larger and more commodious place of worship than the old square-roofed school-house afforded, consulted with the few aged members of the old Lutheran society, and with others who were not members of any religious society, and all united to build a meeting house. At the first meeting the following persons were chosen trustees: Francis H. Pruyn, Daniel Bridenbecker, Philip Finster, Frederick Rima, Peter Finster, Jacob P. Oyer and Peter Rima; and Alexander Johnson was elected clerk. The house was built by J. D. W. Heald on a site donated by Peter Finster. This church was occupied by the Methodist Protestants, although occasionally other denominations had services there for thirty-two years, when it was suffered to decay, and was finally sold and taken down.

In June, 1853, the people of West Schuyler held a meeting preparatory to building a church. A small Methodist society had existed there for some time and was then under care of Rev. T. D. Mitchell. It was resolved to build a church with room for Sabbath-school, to be called "Embury Chapel." William Budlong, Hiram Tanner, Warren Day, William Vivyan and E. W. Day were elected trustees. The result of this action was the erection of the present church over which Rev. Stephen Cobb is pastor. On the 7th of August, 1865, a meeting of Methodists was held, with Rev. L. J. Cooper as chairman. Gilbert

Palmeter, August Klock and George Widrig were elected trustees, and it was resolved to erect a church to be known as "The First Methodist Protestant Church of Schuyler." The plans were consummated in the erection of the church near the Miller cemetery, northeast from West Schuyler. The Methodists built a church at the "Windfall," in 1866, at a cost of about \$2,000, which is still in existence. Another Methodist church was built in the Staring neighborhood in the central part of the town in 1862. No services are now held here and the membership is small in all the churches thus described. At East Schuyler a Union church was erected in 1868 on the site of the old Protestant Methodist and Lutheran church by Free Methodists and others. The trustees were Newell Miller, John Sheaf, Daniel Oyer, Ira Finster, and A. L. Johnson. Irregular services are held here.

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## CHAPTER XXIV.

### THE TOWN OF NEWPORT.

NEWPORT lies in the western part of the county and is bounded on the north by Russia; on the east by Fairfield and Norway; on the south by Schuyler and Herkimer, and on the west by Oneida county. It was formed from Herkimer, Fairfield, Norway, and Schuyler, April 7, 1806. The surface of the town is broken by ridges of highlands which rise from 400 to 500 feet on each side of the narrow interval of West Canada Creek. This stream flows southeast across the town near the center. White Creek flows southerly through the eastern part. The soil is clayey loam, with some gravel on the high lands. A part of Hasenclever's and Walton's patents, and portions of the second and third allotments of the Royal Grant constitute the town. There were no settlements in the town prior to the Revolution.

Daniel Campbell, of New York city, obtained title to the land where Newport village is situated in July, 1786, of the commissioners of forfeitures, but he did not settle on it. William, Ephraim and Benjamin Bowen purchased this land in 1788 and 1789. Christopher Hawkins

was the first permanent settler in Newport and became its first supervisor. He was from Providence, R. I., and the town received its name from the fact that many of its early settlers came from the State in which the city of Newport is situated. Hawkins first came into the town of Fairfield and removed to Newport in 1791, settling on the farm south of the village now owned by the heirs of David D. Crumby. In the spring of 1791 Hawkins erected a small house for the Bowens on the lands they had purchased. In 1793 Benjamin Bowen built the first saw-mill in the town, and the next year put up a grist-mill, both of which were on the West Canada Creek in the limits of the present village of Newport, and on the site of the present mill. Soon following the pioneers came Joseph Benchley, William Wakely, John Burton, Stephen Hawkins, George Cook, Edward Coffin, John Nelson, John G. Green, John Churchill, George Fenner, and William Whipple, all of whom settled prior to 1798; and Israel Wakely, Westel Willoughby, Levi Bowen, and Sherman Wooster came soon afterward. These families were all from New England. Churchill, Coffin, Green, Bowen and Nelson purchased lands on the west side of the creek, and the others on the east side and near the site of the village. Descendants of several of them are now living in the town. The first death was that of Silas Hawkins, in 1793. The first school was taught by Abby Justine in 1795, near the village site. William Wakely kept the first hotel in 1793 near the present residence of Dr. J. B. Holcomb. George Cook was the first merchant and his store was near the site of the Catholic church. Nahum Daniels occupied the corner of Main and Bridge streets, where the hotel is; it was formerly a store kept by Samuel Perry, father of the late Stuart Perry. John Burton owned the farm afterwards occupied by his son Darius, now owned by William Reynolds. John Burton was a carpenter and built for Benjamin Bowen the house now occupied by Miss Frances Waterman.

The first town meeting held after the organization of the town was held on the 3d of March, 1807. Westel Willoughby was chosen moderator and the following officers were elected :

Christopher Hawkins, supervisor; Phineas Sherman, town clerk; Stephen Brayton, Cyrus Butterfield and Seth Smith, assessors; Dan Post and Joseph Terry, overseers of the poor; William Wakely, Joseph Benchley and James Keith, commissioners of highways; Elisha Enos, jr., and Thaddeus Ketchum, constables; Elisha Enos, collector; Elnora Enos, Jarras Bragg, Jabez Lyon and Elnathan Stephens, poundkeepers.

The usual votes were taken to control horses and cattle, offering bounties on wild animals, etc., and on the 9th of March, 1807, the town was divided into twenty road districts. The first census of the town, taken in 1807, showed 199 heads of families. The first board of school commissioners was elected in 1813, and consisted of Sherman Wooster, Darius Hawkins, and Samuel Keith.

Following is a list of supervisors of the town of Newport from its organization to the present time:

Christopher Hawkins, 1807-16; 1823; Sherman Wooster, 1817-22, 1824-33; Henry Carter, 1834-36; Standish Barry, 1837, 1843-46; Daniel Post, 1838; William S. Benchley, 1841-42; Henry L. Ward, 1847, 1867-71; Aaron G. Swift, 1848-50; Harvey Farrington, 1851-52; John C. Harris, 1853; Ira L. Cady, 1854-57; John G. Barry, 1858-59; 1861-66; Nathan Bowen, 1860; John H. Wooster, 1865 (resigned in April); Richard K. Brown, 1872; William Getman, 1873-74 (resigned); Henry G. Burlingame, 1875-76; Waldo Sherman, 1877; Henry W. Dexter, 1878; A. J. Browne, 1879, 1885; Warren A. Brayton, 1880-1882; C. J. Mather, 1883; Thomas E. Merritt, 1884, 1887; Daniel P. Wooster, 1886; George H. Hurlbut, 1888; Frank E. Pearce, 1889, 1890; Clinton A. Moon, 1891; Fred D. Mather, 1892.

The settlers in Newport down to about 1830 continued to come from New England; but after that time and following the opening of the Erie Canal, many emigrants from Ireland located in the town, and at the present time probably constitute, with their descendants, one-quarter of the population, most of them being among the farmers.

Col. Standish Barry was born at Baltimore, Md., in 1794. He removed to Newport with his father-in-law, Capt. Ezra Pierce, in 1816, and engaged in mercantile business there and at Middleville, continuing until 1847. In the last named year he was elected clerk of the county and held that office two successive terms. At the organization of the Newport Bank, in 1858, Col. Barry was chosen cashier, and occupied that position several years; he was also at one time vice-president of the National Herkimer County Bank, at Little Falls. In September, 1861, he was appointed assistant treasurer of the United States by the late Gen. Francis E. Spinner, holding that office at the time of his death, which occurred at Newport, October 20, 1866. His widow, Mrs. Lydia C. Barry, is still living at Newport. Col. Barry's surviving children are: John Barry, Mrs. Sherman Wooster and Mrs. Jane B. Pomeroy, of Newport; Mrs. A. M. Mills, of Little Falls.

The elder Sherman Wooster came to Newport in 1804, was supervisor several terms, and was father of the venerable Sherman Wooster, who still lives in the village. Henry Carter was an early merchant. William S. Benchley kept tavern in the village many years, and at one period was engaged in the manufacture of hats. Jeduthun Steele, Ralph Waterman and William F. Fraser were lawyers in Newport before 1825. Daniel Post was a prominent early farmer two miles east of the village. The late Harry Waterman was for many years a prominent citizen, and identified with the business interests of the town. Stuart Perry, the inventor, was born here in 1837, and lived at what has long been known as "Perry's Park," in which formerly stood the house of Dr. Westel Willoughby.

Newport is essentially a dairy town and one of the best in the county. There are four prosperous cheese factories in the town, and since the opening of the railroad and its recent extension by the Adirondack and St. Lawrence Company, the markets are easily accessible.

*The Village of Newport*—Was incorporated March 20, 1857, and on the 5th of May the first officers were elected as follow: President, Linus Yale; trustees, John G. Barry, Hezekiah S. Bowen, Elijah Holmes and William S. Benchley; assessors, Jeremiah Fenner, Arza Newman, George B. Hawkins; clerk, Clinton A. Moon.

The following have been presidents of the village since its incorporation:

Linus Yale, 1857; John H. Wooster, 1878-81; William Gutman, 1865-69; Albert M. Mills, 1870, 1871; Elisha Thornton, 1872; George W. Payne, 1873; Henry W. Dexter, 1874, 1875; Albert J. Browne, 1876, 1877; William A. Ingham, 1878; George H. Hurlburt, 1880; E. P. Haddock, 1881; A. J. Browne, 1882; T. E. Merritt, 1883; Jesse A. Perkins, 1884; D. P. Wooster, 1885; A. J. Browne, 1887; D. P. Wooster, 1888; J. T. Davis and F. D. Mather, 1889; Thomas Bowen, 1890; W. A. Ingham, 1891; H. W. Dexter, 1892. William E. Stroup, Benjamin K. Brown, and Howard Voorhees are trustees; Charles L. Fellows, clerk.

The stone bridge across the creek at Newport was built in 1853 and cost \$4,000. The residence of Sherman Wooster was built by his father in 1810, and its substantial walls are nearly as perfect to-day as then. Dr. Westel Willoughby was a prominent citizen of the village in early years and provided himself with a beautiful home on the eastern shore of the creek. (A further sketch of Dr. Willoughby will be found in the chapter on the medical profession.)



*Bank.*—The Dairyman's Bank was established in Newport in 1853, and continued in existence until 1857. Harvey Doolittle was the principal founder and manager. He was also cashier and largely interested in the Agricultural Bank at Herkimer, which failed and carried with it the Dairyman's Bank, causing a loss to depositors of about thirty per cent. In 1858 the Bank of Newport was organized under the banking laws of the State, with William W. Swezey as president, and Standish Barry as cashier. This institution was continued thus until 1866, when it was reorganized as a national bank, with a capital of \$50,000. Varnum S. Kenyon was made the first president under the new organization, and William Getman cashier. Upon the death of Mr. Kenyon in 1874, George H. Thomas was elected president and has held the office ever since. Mr. Getman died in 1873 and Joseph T. Wooster was chosen cashier, and is still in that position. The present directors, besides the two officers named, are D. B. Wooster, Elisha Thornton, H. W. Dexter. The deposits are about \$90,000, with surplus and profits of about \$38,000. The bank building on the corner of Main and Bridge streets was erected in 1854 by the firm of Perry & Swezey, composed of Samuel Perry, Stuart Perry, and William Swezey, who were then extensive dealers in butter and cheese.

*Manufactures.*—Within recent years Newport has awakened to the fact that she is in possession of valuable water power; that her shipping facilities are good and being rapidly made much better through the building of the new railroad, and that manufacturing enterprise is one of the chief elements in the healthful growth of a village. This feeling has led to the establishment of several prosperous concerns, which will be followed by others. A tannery was built at Newport in early years, which was being operated in 1846 by Orin Brown, who sold it in that year to Henry Waterman. Afterwards it passed through the hands of H. G. Burlingame, Snell & Ingham, and Luke Snell. In 1889 Mr. Snell sold it to the Newport Improvement Company, an organization of citizens formed for the purpose of advancing the interests of the place. By this company the property was leased to Woodin & West for a period of forty-nine years, on advantageous terms, provided they would operate a factory. They immediately established a plant for the manufacture of knit underwear and continued until June, 1890, when they sold out to



the West Brothers, who immediately doubled the capacity of the factory, and now employ seventy-five hands, mostly girls. Their large product finds a ready market. The firm is composed of Eugene and George West.

The Adirondack Knitting-Mills were started in December, 1891, and now employ thirty-five hands, making ladies', misses' and children's jersey ribbed underwear in various kinds of fibre. The company was organized with a capital of \$5,500, with M. N. Pearce as president, C. A. Moore, secretary, and W. A. Ingham, treasurer.

The saw-mill in Newport is now operated by the estate of Henry G. Burlingame and the grist mill by Michael Gallagher. F. D. Mather, M. N. Pearce, D. Wells, Dr. L. C. Dexter and M. J. Brett are prosperous merchants in the village; and E. C. Spellman and Samuel Hodge are proprietors of the Spellman House and the Ingham House respectively. The postmaster is George Hurlbut, who succeeded F. D. Mather. Hon. Elisha P. Hurlbut, ex-justice Supreme Court, resided here for several years after 1855, and removed to Albany.

In 1861 a committee was appointed by the trustees of the village to buy a fire engine with the fund that had been raised for that purpose, amounting to \$802. The engine was purchased of Cowing & Company, of Seneca Falls, and is still in use. The company is designated as Wadsworth Fire Company, No. 3. The engine-house was built about 1876, with a village lock-up in the lower story. A chief of police is appointed by the trustees, Henry Joubin now filling the office.

*Schools and Churches.*—Previous to its incorporation in 1847 the village of Newport was divided into school districts, one on each side of the creek. With the incorporation of the place the two districts were consolidated with the view of establishing a graded school; but in spite of the efforts of several prominent citizens to this end the project failed, and the old school-house continued to be occupied until 1875, when the present commodious school building was erected. The district was organized as a union free school district in 1877. There are now eight school districts in the town.

Besides the churches now in the village of Newport, there were formerly three others, all located near the hamlet known as Martin's Corners. These were a Welsh, a Baptist and the old Roman Catholic church, all of which have substantially disappeared, as far as societies

and congregations are concerned, the churches in the village receiving a large share of those who formerly attended at that point. In Newport village there are four churches— Methodist, Baptist, Universalist and Roman Catholic; but the material for their history is very meager. The Universalist church had its origin in an organization of March 28, 1842, composed of persons who joined together to erect a church under the name of the Newport Union Association; the union embraced Universalists, Unitarians and Episcopalians. Soon afterward the two last denominations failed to support stated preaching, and the property passed to the Universalists according to the compact. In January, 1843, the Universalists and Unitarians organized under the name of "The First Christian Society of the Universalists and Unitarians of the Town of Newport." December 28, 1844, a new constitution was adopted, giving the society a distinctive Universalist character. On the 1st of March, 1858, the society title was dropped and the name of "The Church of the Reconciliation of the town of Newport" added. Previous to the erection of the present building meetings were held in the school-house and in the old stone church of the Baptists. The present church was built in 1843. The building has been improved and repaired recently. There has not been regular preaching in this church for some time.

The date of the organization of the Methodist church in Newport is unobtainable; but previous to its organization the Methodists were in union with the Presbyterians and erected the building that was sold to the Catholics in 1844. Between that year and 1871 the Methodists had no church edifice here. In June, 1871, the present building was dedicated, and the parlors were added in 1887. The present pastor of the church is Rev. Rev. W. F. Ball, who lives in Newport, and preaches here and at Poland. He has been in Newport since 1884.

The present Catholic church building was purchased of the Methodists and Presbyterians in 1844 through Henry Waterman. The Catholic society is organized under the name of St. John's, and is connected with the Church of the Assumption of Middleville. In 1844 the parish was ministered to by Rev. Father John Herbs, who was succeeded by Father Fitzgerald, and he by Father Keating. Father Thornton was the next pastor, and was succeeded by Father Burke. In 1875 Rev. Father Henry Herfkens came to the church and still remains in charge.

## CHAPTER XXV.

THE TOWN OF NORWAY.<sup>1</sup>

THE town of Norway was organized April 10, 1792, by act of Legislature.

Its boundaries included the towns of Fairfield, Russia, Ohio, and Wilmont, and that portion of Newport lying easterly of the West Canada Creek in Herkimer county; portions of Oneida, Lewis and Clinton counties; all of Hamilton, and a large portion of St. Lawrence. About thirty-five towns are now located within its former limits. Fairfield was taken off in 1796; Remsen (Oneida county), in 1798; Russia (as "Union"), and a part of Newport, in 1806, and Ohio (as "West Brunswick") in 1823. Since that date no boundary changes have occurred.

The surface of the town is elevated and rolling. It is drained by numerous small streams flowing northward and westward into Black and White Creeks, tributaries of West Canada Creek, and a few rivulets flowing easterly into Spruce Creek, a tributary of East Canada Creek. An elevated ridge extending from southeast to northwest, through the central portion of the town, forms its geographical backbone, or "grand divide." Before settlement an unbroken forest of splendid timber covered the whole surface, composed mainly of maple and beech, with a generous sprinkling of birch, elm, basswood, butternut, and ash, and a border of hemlock along the streams. A narrow strip of evergreen timber extends along the northern border of the town, and several small cedar swamps are located in the eastern part. The soil in the main is strong and rich, and admirably adapted to grazing.

One event that antedates the coming of the first pioneers deserves mention: In October, 1781, Butler and Ross, with a force of British Tories and Indians, came from Canada, via Oswego, and engaged in a murdering raid in the Mohawk valley. Near Johnstown they were so roughly handled by the American forces under Colonel Willett, that

<sup>1</sup> Prepared by Fred. Smith, of Norway.

they were forced to retreat, and chose a direct route for home through the unbroken wilderness. On the night of October 29, 1781, Butler camped about four miles northeast of Norway village, and the location has since borne the name of "Butler's Ridge." Colonel Willett left Fort Dayton, now Herkimer, the same day with some 400 patriot soldiers to intercept the enemy. He followed up West Creek to a point near where Middleville is now located, and then struck through the forest in a northeast direction, and camped a mile and a half southerly of Butler. His scouts discovered the tory camp during the night, and early next morning both armies were on the march. Near the Black Creek fording place the rear of Butler's forces were overtaken and a skirmish ensued; one or two soldiers were killed, and here Norway soil drank the blood of the Revolution. The allied forces of Butler made a hurried retreat across the present town of Ohio, closely followed by Willett, and at West Creek the notorious Butler was killed and the pursuit abandoned.

The first attempt to settle was made in the year 1786, by a Mr. Whipple and Christopher Hawkins, from Rhode Island, who made a small clearing and erected a log shanty about one mile west of the site of Norway village. Before making much headway in their enterprise, they found they had made a mistake in locating their lot, and of course abandoned it. The next year, 1787, as near as can be ascertained, witnessed the first permanent settlement.

Jeremiah Potter was born in Cranston, R. I., March 3, 1737. He was the father of a large family of children, among whom were Fisher, Jeremiah, jr., Angel, Lemuel, Philip W., Keziah, Mary and Sarah. Marvelous stories of the cheap and fertile lands of the Royal Grant in "York State" had reached their ears, and they resolved to leave "Little Rhody" and carve out new homes in the then far-off and almost unknown wilderness. Late in the winter or early in the spring of 1787 the three sons first named, and the daughters Mary and Sarah started for "the Grant." The lot they selected was No. 4 of the third allotment of the Royal Grant, containing 300 acres, being 300 rods in length east and west, and 160 rods in width. The owner of the property resided at Albany, and he gave the Potters a lease for twenty-one years, with the privilege of purchasing at the expiration of that time for twenty

shillings per acre. The southeast corner of the lot, near where the first clearing was made, is about half a mile directly north from Norway village. The first year's attempt of the Potter boys in farming was but a partial success; a very early frost seriously injured their growing crops. Winter set in early in November; snow fell to the depth of nearly four feet and remained until April. To add to their misfortunes, their potatoes froze during the first cold weather. Having no bread, they were dependent during the early part of winter upon beans and a small amount of pork that they had brought with them. These were consumed before spring, and for some time they mostly subsisted upon frozen potatoes, and an occasional rabbit they killed. A cow they brought with them, the first in the town, they wintered in good condition upon browse and the few cornstalks they had raised, and she was, no doubt, found an important addition to their supplies. With their nearest neighbors seven miles away, it is needless to add that their first winter in their wilderness home was long, dreary, and lonesome. About the 1st of April, 1788, their parents and other members of the family arrived. The land was paid for and divided among the family. The three daughters married as follows: Keziah, Clark Smith; Sarah, Rufus Eaton; and Mary, Dr. Amos Haile, all of the town of Fairfield, and well known as being among the early and most reputable citizens of that town.

Jeremiah Potter died January 27, 1813; his wife May 13, 1826. They are both buried in the cemetery at Norway village. All of the sons left the town at an early day, except Philip W., the youngest, who died May 13, 1861, and was the last representative of the Potter family in the town. The Potter family was a fair average of the New England emigrants of that day. If undue prominence has been given this family it is on account of its members being the first settlers.

Who next settled after the Potters is not positively known; it is quite certain that other families came into their immediate neighborhood very soon after their arrival.

Thomas Manly came into this town from Bennington county, Vermont, in the spring of 1789; made a small clearing and erected a log cabin about one mile directly south of Norway village. He moved his family, consisting of his wife and son Ira, then but a few weeks old, into

the town in March, 1790, on an ox sled. Manly was a man of energy, intelligence and integrity, and at once became prominent in town and county affairs. He died in this town January 21, 1852, aged eighty-eight years and six months.

David Underhill, John and David Corp and N. Fanning, all from Vermont, settled in the town either in 1789 or 1790; Underhill near Manly's, the others about a mile and a half easterly from Norway village. Several families by the name of Brayton, from Rensselaer county, located about the same date two miles southeast of Norway village, but soon removed from town.

The first birth in the town was that of a child of Gideon Brayton; the first death that of the wife of Elihu Hinman.

John, Andrew and Amos Coe and Captain David Hinman, from Southbury, Conn., settled in Norway previous to 1790. They located a short distance northerly from Norway village. John Coe was a man of decided ability; a noted law character, and a successful practitioner in justices' courts. Ira Coe, a son of Amos, was a prominent farmer, magistrate and lawyer. In 1840 he was appointed one of the judges of the County Court. He died in this town February 5, 1861.

From 1790 to 1800 Norway was settled rapidly with emigrants from the eastern counties of the State and from New England. The beginning of the century found the town dotted over with clearings and log houses, there being at that date over one hundred and sixty families residing within the present town limits; more families than at this date, not enumerating village residents.

Some of the prominent settlers during this period deserve notice: Edward Henderson came from Vermont in 1792 and settled in the south part of the town. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Mathews, was a woman of remarkable talents and intelligence. Daniel C., a son, was one of the leading citizens in this town. He was a justice for many years, served as supervisor one term, and was elected member of Assembly in 1826. He died in the town in 1860. Hugh, another son, removed to Illinois, but died while on a visit to Norway in 1856.

David Smith, who came from Massachusetts in 1793, James Giles, Stephen Babbitt, Nathaniel Post and William Forsyth were prominent

early settlers in the southern portion of the town; James Norton, Jared Dorman, Benjamin Nichols, Sylvanus Ferris and Benjamin Hall were leading citizens in the eastern portion. Ferris was one of the most successful early settlers. He purchased a farm two miles east of Norway village; paid for it by the ashes saved and sold in clearing it off; erected good farm buildings; bought several adjoining farms, and trafficked considerably in farm produce. He removed to the town of Russia about 1830 with two of his sons, leaving four married sons on good dairy farms and in good circumstances. In 1835 the western fever induced him to visit Illinois, and he was so well pleased with the country that he purchased a section of land for himself and one for each of his six sons in Knox county, and near the present flourishing city of Galesburg. Soon after he and all his sons but Timothy H. removed there, where he died at a ripe old age.

Moses and Uriah Tompkins came into the town from the vicinity of Albany in 1793; Stephen, another brother, a few years later. Before coming they had purchased a tract of land in the northeast part of the town, without seeing it, of a Methodist minister, who represented that it was timbered with a splendid growth of pine. They found fine timber, but the pines were all hemlocks, and the land poor and frosty. To the credit of that minister it should be said his misrepresentations were not intentional. Pardon Tillinghast, Philip Angell, Samuel Brainard, William Service, John Vandenberg, Clark Baker, Samuel Rathbun, Sylvanus and Josiah Crosby, John Pullman, Moses Gage, Samuel Western, Timothy Johnson, Christopher Cadman, Joseph Bly, Jacob Bullock and Benjamin Benjamin each deserves notice.

Daniel Hurlbut, an early blacksmith, was a man of considerable prominence. He was appointed one of the county judges in 1817, and held that position three years. His three sons, William H., Seth and Elisha P., were well known and prominent citizens.

Jared Smith moved from Freehold, Greene county, in 1797. He had previously emigrated from Southbury, Conn., which was the native town of a number of early settlers, including the Coe, Hinman, Johnson, Curtis, Hine and Munn families. He was a magistrate for some years, and died in the town in 1846. About or soon after 1800 Nathaniel Salisbury, Ebenezer Hurd, Daniel Carpenter, Jared Thayer,



Danforth Doty, Caleb Sheldon, Amos and Simeon Ives, Samuel Sherman and Noble Ross settled in Norway. Two of Carpenter's sons, Samuel and Azel, became large land owners and wealthy. Salisbury and Ross were mechanics and farmers; were men of character and influence, and lived to an advanced age.

*Dairying.*—The early settlers had their full share of the toils and privations incident to pioneer life, but, hardy and hopeful, they battled courageously and successfully with adverse circumstances. A great majority who remained and patiently followed agricultural pursuits acquired competence; many wealth.

The forests were reduced to ashes; crops and herds of sheep followed, wool and flax furnished clothing—spinning wheels and looms were found in almost every household. The magnificent maples furnished an abundant supply of sugar.

The New England emigrants brought with them the art of cheese-making, and were not slow in finding the soil much better adapted to grazing than grain-growing. Small dairies of from six to ten cows date back to 1806-10. The few small cheese manufactured were consumed at home or peddled around among the country merchants. Colonel Jared Thayer was one of the early dairymen who took a special interest in developing cheese dairying. He located two miles east of Norway village on what has long been known as "Dairy Hill," and kept the first twenty-cow cheese dairy in the county. Norway claims the pioneer dairymen that have since given a world-wide celebrity to Herkimer county dairy products. In 1820 but few large dairies were established, but within ten years after dairying became the leading industry.

Sylvanus Ferris, Nathaniel Salisbury, James Norton, Isaac Smith, Danforth Doty, Azel Carpenter, Lewis Barnes and D. C. Henderson were among the early cheese-makers in Norway.

A cheese factory was built at Norway village in 1864, and there are now seven in the town. The village factory makes up the milk from nearly 900 cows, and claims to turn out more cheese than any other factory in the world. With the exception of four or five private dairies, all the cheese is manufactured at factories. Within the past twenty years farm lands have depreciated one-half in value, and the mortgage indebtedness of the town is larger than at any former period.



*Pioneers in Norway Village.*—The first settlers where Norway village is now located were Seth Smith, his sons Josiah and Dudley, and his son-in-law Solomon Howe. Seth Smith was born in Northampton, Mass., September 25, 1734; the sons were born in Suffield, Conn., whence the family emigrated to Dorset, Vt., and from there to Norway in 1795 or 1796. Josiah Smith erected a log cabin a few rods north-east of the Baptist Church; his brother one on the west side of the road a little south of the same church. Their father located his cabin some little distance north, near the present cheese factory, and Solomon Howe nearly opposite "Lieutenant Smith's," as the old gentleman was familiarly known. Nearly east from Josiah and Dudley Smith, a distance of some thirty rods, lived Daniel Tuttle; about the same distance south a family named King. These were the only known families residing on or near the location of the village at the beginning of the present century. The Smiths prospered; they cleared off the adjacent forests, bought out their neighbors, and were among the first well-to-do settlers of the time; but little thought that their farms were to be parceled out into lots, upon which the pleasant village of Norway is built. By common consent the future town center was fixed at Cook's, a half-mile north, and doubtless would have remained there but for the laying out and opening of the old "State road." The location of this road was sharply contested by the prominent citizens of this and the adjoining towns; men were no more devoid of selfishness then than now, and the "best route" of course ran by their doors or through their farms. Josiah Smith, James Norton and Jared Dorman, and perhaps others, assisted not a little by Stephen Ayres, surveyor, living just east of the town line, controlled the location through this town. The road was surveyed in 1806 and opened during the coming two years; the road fixed not only the location of Norway village, but also Salisbury Corners, Cold Brook and Russia.

About 1806 Josiah Smith opened a tavern in the village, and about the same time was appointed postmaster. From 1810 to 1816 two stores, the old Union church and several dwelling-houses were built. George Gardinier and Sylvanus Smith, blacksmiths; Benjamin Marvil, carpenter; Henry Wilcox, tailor; Galen Barstow, harness maker; James Churchill and Dean Gay, coopers; and George A. Coppernoll,

David Humphreville, and Lyman Swan, shoemakers, were some of the mechanics who first located in the village.

During the next ten years a few dwelling-houses were erected. In 1829 the tavern formerly occupied by Levi Brainard was built; in 1831 the Baptist church, and in 1834 the large building now occupied for a store, dwelling-houses and shops, on the corner of the State road and Main street, and the present hotel on the opposite corner. Several dwellings were built during the same period. Robert H. Crandall built all or most of the buildings last mentioned. Only the M. E. Church and a few dwellings have since been erected. The village attained its full growth in 1840. Without water-power or any manufacturing interests, it will simply remain the town center in the future. It contained in 1892 thirty-three dwelling-houses, three churches, two stores, a blacksmith shop and a hotel, and about one hundred inhabitants.

*Schools.*—The first school in Norway was taught by Jeanette Henderson in 1793, in a log school-house on the Jerseyfield road, a little south of the State road. Miss Henderson was a sister of D. C. Henderson, and afterward married John H. Sherwood, and died at an advanced age in Steuben county. Charles Morton, Samuel Brainard, Charles King and John Moon were early teachers of note.

In 1806 Miss Phebe Smith was hired to teach school in the Barnes district for one dollar per week, on condition that she should "board around" and receive any kind of merchantable produce for pay.

*Population and Civil History.*—The town boundaries have not been changed since 1823, when the town of West Brunswick (since Ohio) was set off.

The number of inhabitants by the census of 1825 was 1,168, the number of males and females being exactly the same. The succeeding enumerations have been as follow: 1830, 1,151; 1835, 1,131; 1840, 1,046; 1845, 1,079; 1850, 1,052; 1855, 1,059; 1860, 1,105; 1865, 1,080; 1870, 1,117; 1875, 1,054; 1880, 1,045; 1890, 817.

In no other town in the county has the population remained so uniform in numbers as in this since 1825 up to 1880. The decrease of the farming and increase of the village population has been about equal for the past fifty years. But few descendants of the early settlers remain in

the town. A good deal of the enterprise of our forefathers consisted of frequent removals. The familiar names of an early day, Potter, Manly, Tillinghast, Henderson, Ferris, Barnes, Cole, Brainard, Coe, Babbitt, Corp, Benjamin, Dorman, Brunson, Ross, Reynolds, Hemingway, Horton, Sheldon, Forsyth, Cadman, and many others are now unknown in the town.

About 1850 Irish Catholics commenced immigrating into Norway and have continued until about one-fourth of the population is composed of that class. Generally they are industrious, economical, possess good judgment, are good citizens, and succeeding as well as could be expected under the present depressed state of farming interests. The great majority of the early settlers were natives of New England; probably fully one-half were from Rhode Island. Connecticut and Massachusetts furnished about equal numbers, and quite a number came from Vermont. The two Du Bois families were descendants of the French Huguenots, and came from New Jersey to Saratoga county, and from there here. A few settlers were of German origin; two families, those of John and Robert English, were Protestant Irish.

The first town meeting, as required by the act of organization, was held at the house of William Whipple, supposed to be near or at the village of Newport. Early town meetings were held at Jeremiah Potter's, Arnold Willoughby's and George W. Cook's. In 1806, when the town of "Union," afterwards changed to Russia, was set off, the ensuing town meeting for Norway was ordered to be held at the house of Josiah Smith, and from 1807 to 1831, inclusive, with the exception of four years, town meetings were held at the same place. The exceptions were 1808, when they were held at Arnold Willoughby's; 1816 and 1825, at the Union church in Norway village, and 1819, at the old Methodist meeting house, situated a mile and a half east of the village.

We give a complete list of supervisors from the organization of the town:

Benjamin Bowen, 1793; Joshua Remington, 1794, 1795; Benjamin Hinman, 1796; Thomas Manly, 1797-99, 1803-09, 1835, 1837; Samuel Wright, 1800, 1802; Westel Willoughby, jr., 1801; Sylvanus Ferris, 1810-12, 1814; Stephen Babbitt, 1813; James Giles, 1815; Roland Sears, 1816; Henry Tillinghast, 1817-22, 1824-26, 1828-31, 1834, 1836; David Clark, 1823, 1827; David Humphreville, 1832, 1833, 1849; William H. Hurlbut, 1838-40, 1842; Abram L. Hemingway, 1841; Nathaniel S. Henderson, 1843,

1845, 1846; Henry Tillinghast, jr., 1844, 1863; Lathan Gray, 1847, 1848; David Du Bois, 1850, 1851; Daniel C. Henderson, 1852; Ira Coe, 1853; Hiram T. Horton, 1854, 1856; Morgan Norton, 1855; Abram Hurd, 1857, 1858; Stephen R. Millington, 1859; Frederick Smith, 1860; Benjamin Austin, 1861; William Carpenter, 1862; Sylvanus B. Legg, 1864; William La Due, 1865-67; Munson Bunnell, 1868-72, 1883-84; Lorenzo D. Gage, 1873; Luke T. Du Bois, 1874-82; Charles B. Gray, 1885-87; Zenas B. Smith, 1888; William P. Van Vechten, 1889-91; Daniel W. Bly, 1892.

*Mills, Tanneries and Shops.*—The first saw-mill in the town was built in 1793 by Captain David Hinman, about half a mile northwest of Norway village on Sulphur Spring Brook. The next was built by W. H. and G. W. Cook about 1795, on Black Creek. They soon sold it to James Jackson & Bro. A saw-mill was standing on the same site in 1878.

The first grist-mill was built by Carpenter Cole in 1793, about two and a half miles northeast from Norway village on the Coe Swamp Brook. I judge it was a rude affair, as one of the old settlers facetiously described it as "the mill that ground a kernel of corn into two pieces, and the meal was prepared for use by sifting it through a ladder." It was used but a few years.

Green Garner, an enterprising Rhode Island Yankee, came into the town not far from 1796 and bought 200 acres of land southerly from Norway village, and the mill sites on the Manly Brook, a mile south of the village. He erected a saw-mill in 1798 and a grist-mill and distillery in 1803. About 1809 he sold his farming lands to Henry Tillinghast and Samuel Carpenter, and his mill property to Adam Coppernoll, and removed to Great Bend, Jefferson county. Thomas Manly subsequently purchased the mill property. The mills were in use until 1832 and then abandoned. Isaac Crosby built a grist-mill at Black Creek about 1830. It was afterward bought by Joseph Western. It was not used for milling purposes over twenty years.

Henry Tillinghast first commenced the tanning business in the town soon after he settled here in 1793, and followed it in connection with farming for many years. Asa Lord, an early settler from Connecticut, had a small tannery on Barnes street, where he followed the business of shoemaking in connection with tanning. He removed from town to Madison county in 1810.

Mitchell Hinman had a small tannery in Wolf Hollow, on the road leading to Fairfield, near the south bounds of the town; Isaac Crosby

one on the farm now owned by Nathaniel Morse, and John and Timothy Smith one at Norway village, previous to 1810. About 1818 Levi Brainard built a tannery at Sulphur Spring, where he and others followed the business for some twenty years. Alfred Burwell built a small tannery at Norway village about 1835; subsequently it came into the possession of Amos Tuttle, and afterward of Tuttle & Lamphier. It was a short lived concern. Soon after Peter Crosby made an effort at the tanning business on Barnes street; it did not amount to much. In 1853 a large tannery was erected at Grayville, by Oliver, Harvey and William Ladue. It is claimed that \$150,000 was invested in the enterprise, and seventy-five hands employed. It is now owned by T. E. Proctor, of Boston, but business was discontinued in 1887.

Vale & Eddy built a fulling mill in 1793 on the Hurricane Brook, a short distance above where the State road crosses the stream. How long it has been in operation I have been unable to learn; probably but a few years. Another fulling-mill was built about 1816, on the Manly Brook, just above the bridge on the Fairfield road, probably by Thomas Manly. It was operated by Brush & Rockwell, and others, and was in use fifteen or twenty years. A fulling and carding-mill was built at Norway village by a Mr. Doty, previous to 1820; it soon passed into the possession of William Hurlbut and Thomas Ives, and a little later Hurlbut bought out Ives, and continued in business until about 1850, when he abandoned the clothing business, and manufactured cheese boxes for several years. Arnold Willoughby, previous to 1800, erected a small shop, dammed an insignificant stream that flowed passed his house to secure water power, and commenced the manufacture of wheels—"big wheels" to spin rolls, "little wheels" to spin flax, besides quill wheels and reels. He followed the business until his death, in 1832, when it was continued for a short time by his son, Amos C. Willoughby.

There were in 1892 three saw-mills run by water power. Within the town bounds are the deserted sites of five tanneries, five saw-mills, three grist-mills, three carding-mills and one distillery.

*Early Inn-Keepers*—Amos Coe and Thomas Brayton are each said to have been the first inn-keeper in town. Brayton was located on the Jerseyfield road, south of the State road crossing, and his opening

dates back to 1793; Coe's cannot be ascertained, neither is it known how long either continued in business.

Cook's store was a sort of semi tavern; in fact, if a bar constitutes part of a tavern all the early stores can make a similar claim, as the sale of liquors was an important item in their business.

Josiah Smith opened a tavern at Norway village previous to 1806, and continued in the business until 1831, when he sold his property and removed to Whitesboro, Oneida county.

The opening of the State road created a great demand for taverns; on the western border of the town Eli and Zephi Brockett kept a tavern soon after the opening of this road; at a later date and a mile further east Russell Hine embarked in the business. Two miles east of the village, at the intersection of the Jerseyfield and State roads, two taverns, but a short distance apart, kept open doors in friendly competition for weary travelers for many years. Among others who erected "sign posts" at this point were Pinney, Dr. Mabee, Stockholm, Shibnah Nichols, Havens and Benjamin Hall and Armstead. A mile further east, Dorman first and Colvin after were in the tavern business. None of these early taverns on the State road lacked custom. In 1829 Levi Brainard built a hotel in the village, and for a year two rival houses existed.

In 1834 Frederick Mason built the present hotel at the village. William H. Hurlbut was the first landlord; he was followed by A. Hurlbut & Hill, J. D. Henderson, Addison Manly and Elias B. Pullman, who purchased the property about 1844, and ran the hotel in connection with his farm some twenty years. Pullman sold the hotel to George W. Hadcock and it has since had half a score of owners and occupants.

Amos Ives and Bailey Legg were former tavern keepers on the road leading from Norway village to Grayville, and Joshua Bennett, William B. Smith, Seymour Bullock and Hiram Gettman, from 1820 to 1840 did something in the tavern business at Black Creek or Westernville.

*Post-offices and Post Routes.*—Josiah Smith was the first postmaster appointed in 1813 and kept the office about twenty years in his hotel. He was succeeded by Levi Brainard, who held the position two years. David Du Bois was appointed in 1830, and was postmaster for seven-

teen years. During all this time, and for some years after, the mail route was over the old State road. At first weekly and semi-weekly trips on horse-back were made. About 1850 the mail route was changed, and since that time news has come from the outside world via Herkimer and Newport. Joseph C. Crane, William Vandenburg, Jeremiah Smith, Charles K. Johnson, Alonzo Rust and John B. Root have since been postmasters. Dexter W. Smith was appointed July 1, 1878. He was succeeded by H. J. Vrooman, J. C. F. Walker and Nathan Smith. J. H. Bliss is the present incumbent.

*Merchants and Stores.*—Of Norway's first merchants, Thaddeus Scribner & Brother, but little is known. They came about 1790 or 1791, located a short distance north of the present village of Norway and remained but a short time. Peter Swinburne opened a small store soon after on the Jerseyfield road, a little north of where the State road now crosses the former. He removed at an early day to Deer River, Lewis county, where he died in 1832.

George W. and William H. Cook came into the town in 1792 from Dutchess county, with both capital and enterprise. They purchased 400 acres of land just north of Norway village; erected a large building which served the double purpose of store and dwelling; kept a large and varied stock of goods for the times, and for some twelve years secured a large trade. William H. Cook was appointed sheriff of the county March 17, 1802, and held that position for four years, in succession. He was again appointed in 1808 and held the office one year. The Cooks left town for New York about 1808. At an early day Dr. Westel Willoughby, Dr. Moses Tombling and John Nicholson were engaged in trade on a small scale at localities not far distant northerly from Norway village. Nicholson removed to Herkimer, and was elected member of Congress in 1808.

Horace Dorman, a Mr. Weed and Preserved Hall had small stores in the eastern portion of the town, and Parsons & Brother and Dr. Roland Sears at the sulphur springs at an early date.

The first store kept at Norway village was opened about the year 1800 by Nathan Hinman. The house in which the store was located stood on the site of the present hotel. Soon after Truman White and one Carr were in trade here. Carr's store was near where Gage's shop



now stands. Still later, probably about 1810, Cooper & Sanford built a store and embarked in trade; two years later they sold out to Frederick Mason, who came from New London, Conn. Mason was a man of decided business ability, and well adapted to attain success as a country merchant. He continued in trade until 1838, when he sold his property to Charles W. Lowerie, and soon thereafter removed to Brooklyn, where he died.

Charles Bradley built the store now occupied by J. H. Bliss in 1816, and continued in trade for about ten years, a portion of the time in partnership with Henry Waterman, late of Newport. Bradley died in 1825, when Buell & Hallett purchased the store, and after continuing the business for a time, sold to Stevens & Nichols, who were in trade a short time, when A. H. Buell again became proprietor, with John P. Mabee as a partner. Three years after Mabee sold his interest to William Vandenburgh, who continued business with Buell two years, when he retired, and the firm of Buell & Willard was formed in 1839. In 1844 George N. Willard bought Buell's interest and continued alone until 1848, when he sold to Stebbins & Ives. J. H. Ives & Co. bought out the last named firm in 1852, which was succeeded by the "Norway Union Store Company" in 1855, which existed three years. Jefferson Tillinghast occupied the store for a year or two after. The store was afterward used for a tin and a shoe shop until 1876, when it was purchased by D. W. Smith & Co., who continued the business until 1886, when it was sold to J. F. C. Walker. This store is now occupied by J. H. Bliss.

After Mason's discontinuance of business his store was occupied two years by Burrell & Ives, who were followed by C. W. Lowerie, Lowerie & Henderson, Stebbins & Ives and A. Rust. In 1860 the building was remodeled into a dwelling house.

About 1850 Alonzo Rust bought the large corner building opposite the hotel, where he did business until 1863. He was followed by Root & Service and J. B. Root. In 1867 another "Union Store Company" was organized for a term of ten years. Its stockholders comprised most of the farmers of the town, and A. S. White, C. A. Walker, J. M. Salisbury and J. M. Root served as agents. Ten years' experience and \$3,000 loss convinced the stockholders that they were not adapted for



mercantile pursuits. Frederick Smith occupied this store from September, 1877, to April 1883.

Zenas Smith was in trade about two years in 1886-87. He was followed by J. C. F. Walker, who now occupies the building.

In 1853 a store was begun in connection with the Grayville tannery, and is still in successful operation.

*Norway's Centennial.*—One of the most notable events in this town's history was the centennial celebration of its settlement by the Potters in 1787. It occurred September 7 and 8, 1887, and was a marked success, in spite of unfavorable weather on the first and main day of the gathering. The programme had been carefully prepared and was successfully carried out. Nearly or quite 2,000 people were present. Large delegations from the adjoining towns attended and guests were present from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and most of the Western States, including California. Inspiring music was furnished by the Cold Brook drum corps and brass band. The exercises at the platform were opened with prayer by the Rev. C. H. Austin. Fred. Smith read an interesting historical sketch of the town. Addresses were delivered by Hon. H. H. Holt of Michigan, Hon. G. W. Smith of Herkimer and Hon. P. H. McEvoy of Little Falls. Fine poems were read by Rev. C. H. Austin of Ilion and Hon. J. D. Henderson of Herkimer. A free ride from the railroad at Newport and return, a free dinner served in the Mason mansion and a warm welcome for all attested the hospitality of Norway's citizens.

The second day of the celebration was held in the old Union church, and took the form of a social love feast. It will long be remembered as a season of intense interest, as anecdotes and reminiscences of the olden time were related.

"Friends and schoolmates meet once more,  
Playmates who wandered o'er the hills  
In by-gone years—now aged men  
And matrons gray—in sweet converse  
Recall their childhood hours again."

The success of the celebration was largely due to the efforts of Fred. Smith, who, January 1, 1887, commenced the publication of a small monthly newspaper, *Norway Tidings*, that awakened a great interest in

the centennial. The little paper was continued for four years, was liberally patronized and gathered up a large amount of local history that otherwise would have been lost.

*Religious Meetings and Societies.*—The first religious meetings were held by Rev. Mr. Robertson in 1792, upon the authority of the "State Gazetteer;" but by what denomination, I am unable to tell. A majority of the early settlers from Connecticut and Massachusetts were Presbyterian in sentiment, while those from Rhode Island were Baptist. The first definite information concerning religious matters in town is obtained from the journal of Rev. Caleb Alexander, who made a missionary tour in the Mohawk valley in 1801. Mr. Alexander reached Norway November 10, 1801, and remained until the 23d of the month, visiting and preaching in this and the adjoining towns of Fairfield and Salisbury. In the closing portion of his journal Mr. Alexander asserts: "In the whole county of Herkimer there is neither a Presbyterian nor Congregationalist minister. The people seem in general to be growing up in ignorance and wickedness."

The next year another Massachusetts missionary, of like religious faith, the Rev. John Taylor, visited the Mohawk and Black River country. He reached Norway July 28, 1802, and from his journal we take the following:

Norway, \* \* \* A young gent by the name of Johnson has preached in this town for several Sabbaths, and the people have hired him for three or four Sabbaths to come. There is a considerable congregation of Presbyterians. But it is in this town as in all those parts. There is a mixture of Baptists, of Methodists, Universalists and Deists. In the various parts of the town there is preaching by sectarians of almost all kinds every Sabbath. There is one Methodist church, numerous; two Baptist churches and part of a third; no meeting-houses.

A religious association styled the "Calvary Society" was early formed; its members were composed of different denominations, as well as those not church members. One of its objects was to procure preaching, and raise money to defray the expense. Its book of records dates back to 1803. April 5, 1803, the association "voted to make choice of the Rev. Caleb Alexander for their minister, to preach in said society one-third part of the time, and that they give him \$100 a year for his services." At a meeting held at Josiah Smith's, December 6, 1806, "it was found that the funds of said society were reduced to \$66.50, in consequence

of deaths and removals from town. Voted that the trustees make a statement of the funds to the Rev. C. Alexander, and know if he will continue to preach in said society for that amount." "An assessment of eighty six and a half cents on each dollar then collectable" was voted in order to make a settlement with Mr. Alexander. In October, 1813, "at a meeting of the trustees it was resolved to build a meeting-house on Dudley Smith's lot." The building of the first church in the village of Norway was an event that awakened unusual interest. Subscriptions to the amount of \$1,640.75 were made.

The Presbyterian church, organized in 1798, was the leading church in the town for over thirty years. Among the clergymen who preached for this church were:

Revs. William Williams, Mr. Harrower, Phinias Robinson, Samuel Sweezy, Charles Bowles, David Chassell, Seth Burt, Mr. Camp, Isaac Foster, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Cargon, Mr. Pratt, and Richard Knight.

The church began to wane in members and prosperity after 1830, and disbanded soon after 1850. Among the prominent Presbyterians of early days were Seth Smith, Sylvanus Ferris, Zadock, Amos and Zenas Bronson, Abram Cole, Josiah Smith and Galen Barstow.

Both the old Union and Baptist churches were adorned with high steeples, but during a severe thunder shower, June 4, 1856, both were blown off and have never been replaced. On the 11th of April, 1871, the old church was again visited by the elements; a stroke of lightning shattered it, but did not set fire to it; it was repaired the same season, but is now unfit for use. It was last used for a festival in March, 1891.

The early history of the Methodist church in this town is shrouded in mystery. Probably a Methodist society was formed previous to 1800, as missionary Taylor reports a "numerous" Methodist church in 1802. Comfort Barnes, and his sons Luther, Lewis and Cavit, with their families, and some of their neighbors, were Methodists. The Jerseyfield road was a stronghold of Methodism. The first church building erected in the town, and probably the first Methodist church in the county, was built on the road directly east from Norway village in 1809. It was used as a church until 1839, when it was sold, removed and converted into a barn. Revs. Joseph Willis and Asa Cummins were appointed to labor on the Herkimer circuit in 1808, and are said

to have been the first circuit preachers in the town. Rev. W. Brown was associated with Willis in 1809. Herkimer circuit then extended from St. Johnsville on the east to Trenton on the west. Rev. Messrs. Dunham, Lippitt, Chandley Lambert, David Shepard, John Ercanback, Calvin Hawley, and John Wallis were among the early preachers. The prominent members, besides those already mentioned, of this early church were Uriah Tompkins, William Comstock and wife, Stephen Comstock and his wife, Eunice Comstock, Thomas Rathbun, John Kennedy, Asahel Burlingame, Moses Gage and his wife, William and David Haskins, and Selah Griswold. About the time the old church was abandoned two new Methodist societies were organized. The members living in the central part of the town met at Norway village March 20, 1837, chose the Rev. John Roper and Jeremiah Smith presiding officers, and Charles H. Austin, secretary; resolved that their church title should be "The First M. E. Church of the Town of Norway," and that Jeremiah Smith, Johnson Smith, Joel Du Bois, Stephen Gage and Ackland Salisbury be trustees of said society. The members living in the north part of the town met at the Barnes district school-house May 29, 1837, designated their society as "The Second M. E. Church of Norway," and elected Benjamin Austin, Joseph Western, Hiram Getman, Stephen Case and Seymour Bullock trustees. A small but neat and commodious church was built at Norway village in 1837, at a cost of about \$1,000, and a similar church at Black Creek soon after. Rev. George Gary preached the dedicatory sermon of the church at Norway village.

The 5th of September, 1870, another Methodist society was formed at Gray, designated "The First M. E. Church of Gray;" James V. Du Bois, W. W. Bullock, J. M. Brown, V. R. Tompkins and S. B. Legg were elected trustees. A fine church was built here in 1871, at a cost of nearly \$5,000. The membership of the three societies, including probationers, numbers about one hundred. The church property is in good condition.

A few of the early residents of Norway were Baptists, and became members of the Newport Baptist church. On the 25th of December, 1828, the members of that church then residents of this town held a meeting at Dudley Smith's and petitioned the "mother church" to

form a separate church organization. The petition was granted May 24, 1830, and on the 28th of September the same year the church was, after a council, admitted into fellowship with its sister churches. The names of the twenty-three persons first composing the church are as follow :

Osee Brunson, Dudley Smith, Isaac Crosby, Samuel Western, Westel Brunson, Phineas Hemingway, Jefferson Tillinghast, Wilbur Tillinghast, Rebekah Brunson, Arabella English, Temple Ross, Anna Brunson, Lydia Tillinghast, Mary Crosby, Priscilla Tillinghast, Mary Crandall, Abigail Nichols, Mary Hemingway, Sarah Western, Polly Underhill, Susanna Smith, Lavina Buck and Sarah Tillinghast.

The next year, 1831, the church erected a large and commodious house of worship, which was dedicated in the spring of 1832, the Rev. Elon Galusha preaching the dedication sermon. The first regular pastor of the church was the Rev. R. T. Smith, who commenced his labors in January, 1831. He was succeeded by the Rev. William B. Curtis, Charles E. Brown, L. O. Lovel, N. G. Collins, N. Furgerson, E. D. Towner, Francis Prescott, S. A. Douglass, Charles E. Brown (again), H. Steelman, L. B. Barker, J. W. Starkweather, R. D. Pierce, David Beecher, S. D. Ross and the Rev. George Fisher, who is the present pastor.

For a period of twenty years after 1835 this church was strong in membership and influence, and its preachers were among the ablest in the denomination. Afterward deaths, removals and internal dissensions reduced its membership. For some years past it has been gradually growing, and in 1878 numbered fifty-eight members. Twice since the meeting-house was erected it has been thoroughly repaired, the last time in 1878, which left the church property in good condition.

A Freewill Baptist church existed for a time. Job Bly, Timothy Smith, David Humphreville and members of their families were some of the leading members. They had stated preaching for some years at the old Union church, but the church ceased to exist more than twenty years since. Quite a number of persons residing in the Hurricane district are members of the Poland Freewill Baptist church and sustain preaching in their locality.

The Protestant Episcopal church in Norway was organized July 26, 1819, when it was voted that the title should be "Grace Church," and that Henry Lumm and Jared Smith be the first wardens, and Frederick Mason, Levi Brainard, Charles Bradley, Shibnah Nichols, William Forsyth, Danford Doty, James Giles, jr., and Ira Coe the first vestrymen. The first rector was Rev. Daniel McDonald, then principal of

Fairfield Academy, who commenced his labors about this date. The first organization was not kept up in conformity to law, and a reorganization was effected the 8th day of May, 1837, at which David Du Bois and Joseph C. Crane were elected wardens, and Frederick Mason, Addison Manly, J. C. Crane, D. Du Bois, Daniel C. Henderson, Isaac Corp, Morgan Norton and Ira Coe vestrymen.

Rev. William Baker preached for this church many years and is favorably remembered. Other well known rectors were Rev. Messrs. Northrup, William Johnson and E. N. Goddard. The church membership in 1878 numbered about twenty. The Rev. Mr. Morris was then rector of the church, being partly supported by the missionary fund of this denomination. No Episcopal service has been held for several years and the church organization is discontinued.

*Physicians.*—The earliest physician in Norway was Dr. Westell Willoughby, who came, probably, in 1792. An extended sketch of this faithful physician will be found in the chapter on the Medical Society. Members of the profession who practiced in the town at later periods were Drs. Abijah Tombling, Lazarus Tousey, Roland Sears, Bryant Burwell, William Frame, Moses Johnson, David Bingham, Shadrack N. Vincent, Simon Goodell, Stephen R. Millington, William M. Hayes, Thomas Hayes, H. A. France and Charles J. Hall. Dr. Henry J. Vrooman is now in practice.

*Cemeteries.*—An acre of land lying on the northerly bounds of Norway village was deeded by Dudley Smith in 1803 for cemetery purposes. It had been used for a burying-ground at least ten years previously. The first person buried here is said to have been a blacksmith, but the date of his death and his name are unknown. In 1889 a substantial lime-stone wall was erected along the road front—a fine improvement. Burying-grounds were located at an early day near the southeast and southwest corners of the town, and also in the Hurricane district, and all are still used and in good repair.

The Barnes Street Cemetery was not opened until about 1808. Mrs. James Jackson, of Black Creek, in that neighborhood, died during a remarkable snow storm, in the spring of 1807, and the funeral procession was two days in going to the Norway village cemetery and returning, a distance of four miles. This snow storm is noticed in an old

memorandum made by Jared Smith, an old settler, as follows: "Norway, March the 30th, 1837—Snowed till April the 4th, and fell three feet; with the old snow, five feet deep the 6th day of April."

Quite a number of private and family burying places were located in various parts of the town by the early settlers.

Among the prominent families in this town is that of Smith. Jared Smith, sr., a Revolutionary soldier, and Dorcas Beecher were both born in the town of Huntington, Conn. They were married August 20, 1761, and soon after removed to Southbury, Conn., where their oldest child, Jared, jr., was born April 11, 1766. Dorcas Johnson was born in the same town June 23, 1766, and was married to Jared Smith, jr., January 14, 1787. Soon after marriage they removed to Freehold, Greene county, N. Y., where they resided about nine years. In 1796 Mr. Smith made quite an extended tour through Central New York, which resulted in his purchasing one hundred acres of land a mile east of where Norway village is now located; his choice probably being influenced by several Southbury families who had previously settled in the town. Johnson Smith, their only son, was born in this town October 30, 1798.

Daniel Salisbury lived for a time and died at Swansea, Mass. One of his sons, Richard, was born in that town and married Elizabeth Easterbrooks, of Warren, R. I. One of their sons, Nathaniel, was born in Swansea, Mass., March 24, 1772. He married Joanna Wilson, of Thompson, Conn., January 27, 1796, and immediately settled in Fairfield, Herkimer county, where one of their daughters, Sarah, was born September 6, 1798.

Johnson Smith and Sarah Salisbury were married January 25, 1825. Frederick Smith, their oldest son, was born in Norway January 9, 1826, and married, November 20, 1851, Miss Maria E. Service, of the same town. His occupation has been farming and clerking mainly. The official positions he has held in the town are noted elsewhere. In June, 1871, he was appointed deputy county clerk, and held that office about five years. At present he is engaged in mercantile pursuits at Norway village.

*The Norton Family*—Thomas Norton came from England in 1639, with his son John. John died in 1704; his son John (2d) was born in



1668 and died in 1711. John 3d was born in 1699 and died in 1798; his son John (4th) was born in 1734, died in 1804, and was buried on Guilford Green, Connecticut. He married Lucy Lee in 1758. They had eight children. James Norton, their seventh child, was born July 14, 1774. Huldah Chittenden was born October 10, 1777. James Norton and Huldah Chittenden were married at Guilford, Connecticut, in 1794.

Mr. Norton came into this county in 1794 and located upon land purchased by his father in the town of Salisbury, but not being pleased with the location, he came to Norway and purchased the place upon which he lived until his death, in 1850. In May, 1796, he brought his wife and infant daughter (who afterwards became Mrs. Ira Coe) from Guilford. By dint of unflagging industry and much self denial, Mr. Norton cleared up his farm. A growing family made more room necessary, and in 1804 or 1805 he erected a frame dwelling on the site of the present Norton homestead, which a few years later served as a wing to a more pretentious "upright" two-story dwelling, which is now owned and occupied by Mrs. R. C. Norton, the widow of Morgan Norton. Morgan Norton was born in Norway, March 28, 1809. Elizabeth Tillinghast was born in Norway, March 28, 1808. They were married in October, 1836. Mrs. Elizabeth Tillinghast Norton died June 11, 1842. Rhoda C. Dix was born at White Creek, Washington county, N. Y., November 10, 1817. Morgan Norton and Miss Dix were married in October, 1846. Mr. Norton held various positions in the town, and was elected supervisor in 1855. In 1856 he was seriously hurt by falling from a tree, injuring his spine and incapacitating him for active business. He died July 15, 1872.

David Du Bois was born June 11, 1797, and is now the oldest resident of Norway. The family descended from the Huguenots, Louis Du Bois being a representative of that persecuted sect who immigrated to this country in 1660, and settled in Ulster county. His third child, Jacob, settled in Norway in 1795. David Du Bois married Sarah Tillinghast, December 29, 1829. The only offspring of this union now living are Luke Du Bois and Mrs. J. D. Henderson, of Herkimer. Mr. Du Bois has been a prominent man in business and politics, and for many years has been senior warden of the Episcopal church.



## CHAPTER XXVI.

## THE TOWN OF RUSSIA.

RUSSIA is one of the large towns of Herkimer county and situated on the northwestern border. It is bounded on the north by Wilmurt and Oneida county; on the east by Ohio and Norway; on the south by Newport, and on the west by Oneida county. Russia was formed from Norway, as "Union," April 7, 1806. Its name was changed April 6, 1808, and a part of Wilmurt was taken off in 1836, when the latter town was formed. The surface of the town is rolling and moderately hilly, descending quite abruptly on the west to the valley of the West Canada Creek which flows for a long distance on its western boundary. Black Creek flows across the northern part. Cold Brook flows across the southwestern part and affords excellent water power. Trenton Falls, on the West Canada Creek, are on the western border of the town; and about two miles above the junction of Black Creek and West Canada Creek is believed to be the spot where Walter N. Butler was killed by Col. Willett's troops, as related on an earlier page.

Russia contains a part of the third allotment of the Royal Grant, portions of Jerseyfield, Remsenburgh and Matchin's patents, and the whole of Lush's, Marvin's and Jacob's patents, nearly 37,000 acres. The town was not settled previous to the Revolution. In 1792 Stoddard Squire came from Connecticut and settled in the town, bringing with him John G. Squire, his son, then a boy seven years old. Dr. Truman Squire, a grandson of Stoddard Squire, was born in Russia and became prominent in his profession. He practiced for many years at Elmira, N. Y., where he died. He made important contributions to medical science, for which he received honors both in this country and Europe. The Millington family from Vermont, and the Smith family, came in and took up land within a few years after Squire's settlement. Farley Fuller, George Taylor, and Roscum Slocum moved into the town probably in 1794, and between that year and 1800 quite a number of other

families made settlements here. Among these were a man named Austin, with his son ; William Buck, Jeremiah Smith, Jonathan Carpenter, father of Jotham Carpenter, and a family named Coon who settled on the State road. Farley Smith and Minerva Smith were the first persons married in the town (1794), and a son of a Mr. Allen and soon afterward Waite Robinson, were those who first died in the town. The first school was taught at Graves' Hollow (now Gravesville), the teacher's name being Morehouse. The first tavern in the town was kept by Stephen Smith 2d, on the State road opposite the William Buck homestead, and the first store was kept at Gravesville, where Lankton's old store stands. Benjamin Hinman built the first saw-mill in 1797, and in the same year he built a grist-mill on the site of the later mill at Gravesville. Dr. William Frame was the first physician in the town, and was succeeded by Dr. Sears. Other early comers are mentioned in the sketches of the villages of the town.

Outside of lumbering the principal occupation of the inhabitants of Russia is farming, in late years cheese and buttermaking receiving the most attention. The Utica and Black River Railroad approaches very near to the western border of the town. It was opened in 1855-6 and gave convenient access to a good market at Utica, which aided in the development of the agricultural industries of Russia.

*Poland Village*—Is beautifully situated in the extreme southwest part of the town, and contains very many handsome residences. Considerable business is carried on, but very little manufacturing. The settlement in this vicinity was not made until 1800 or a little later ; but after that date it rapidly filled up. Among the pioneers of the locality were Nathan Burwell, Samuel Wright, Daniel Swezey, Ebenezer Newman, Michael De Groff, Jesse Brayton, George Arnold, Uriah and Cornelius Schermerhorn, Silas Beebe, Samuel Giles, Moses Mather, Amos Beebe, James King, William Truman, Samuel Newberry, Jenks Benchley, Nahum Daniels, Daniel Jones, James Trask, John Gorton, James M. Dexter, and the Terry family. Many of these located in the vicinity of Cold Brook, whither they were attracted by the valuable water power, and many of their descendants still live in the town.

The first school-house at Poland was erected in 1798, of logs, and stood on what is now Newport street, a few rods from the site of the

present school-house; the second one was about half way between Poland and Swezey Hill, a mile northeast of the other one. A third school-house was built on Cold Brook street near where Arthur Sprague now lives. A frame house was built later nearly on the site of this last mentioned log house. The fifth school-house was also on Cold Brook street. The sixth was built in 1868, on the site of the present commodious house. The old building was at first used as a part of the new one and a primary department was kept in a part of it in 1874. In 1877 the whole of the old building was taken for the primary department, and the new house remodeled and greatly improved.

The first grist-mill in Poland was built by Moses Mather, father of Dr. William and Jairus Mather, of Fairfield, in 1807. A valuable manuscript left by the late Dr. William Mather says that soon after 1803 his father purchased a tract of land of Nathan Burwell, the pioneer, located at what was then called "Russia Flats," now Poland, which embraced many valuable mill privileges. He removed his family thither in 1806 and immediately began improving the mill privileges on Cold Brook. He built the first grist-mill on that stream, became the owner of two saw-mills, besides building other mills for turning wood and forging iron by water power. About the year 1809-10, when the secret of distilling intoxicating liquor from grain began to be known, he engaged in that business as one of the first in this section. The first year the price of whisky was high and the outlook favorable. He therefore largely extended his business in the second year; "but one thing he did not take into consideration, and that was that everybody else who could, would do the same thing." The consequence was an over production and decline in prices. In the prime of life and after devoting several years to hard work, mostly in endeavoring to build up a village in his locality, Mr. Mather became pecuniarily embarrassed, sold out all his property at Poland, and purchased a house and lot at Fairfield, to which place he removed his family in 1816. After he left Poland business at that place declined; but the building of the narrow gauge railroad connecting Poland and Herkimer, and the value of the local water power gave it a new impetus and its growth was rapid. The mill and distillery formerly owned by Mr. Mather were afterward converted into a factory for the manufactory of cotton batting, etc., by Col. George Arnold,

father of Thomas Arnold. Noble Gunn and Joshua Bennett were early millers at Poland, and Horace Kellogg and Russell Vincent were distillers. The Putnam grist and saw-mills were built by Isaac, brother of Almond Brayton. While he owned the property the grist mill was burned, and he rebuilt it and sold the property to Edward Cheever, by whom it was transferred to John G. Webster, father of Robert and Frederick Webster. The property finally passed from the possession of Frederick Webster, who had greatly improved it, to John M. Putnam in 1874. The mill is now operated by Fitch & Howe.

Michael De Groff built a saw mill at Poland about 1802, which passed to the possession of Moses Mather. Mr. Mather also bought of Stephen Smith a piece of land and another saw mill which stood near the site of the saw-handle factory at Cold Brook. The saw-handle factory is now operated by Thomas T. Rhodes. The De Groff saw-mill was on the site of the planing-mill at Cold Brook. Mr. Mather sold it to Philip A. Fenner, who changed it to a factory for the manufacture of cotton yarn, candle wicking, etc. Later the proprietor began the manufacture of rubber boots and shoes in the building, Mr. Fenner having taken as a partner Col. George Arnold. They carried on the business a few years and sold out to Jenks Benchley and Abraham Coffin, who sold to Seymour Bullock and Rev. Abram Fish, who began the manufacture of cheese boxes. The next owners were Samuel Arnold (brother of Thomas) and George Potter, who again took up the manufacture of cotton products. The business was not profitable and they began making wagons, and still later Rider & Brown manufactured fanning mills here. George Potter and Richard Sprague then began the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds in a small way. George Potter eventually became owner of the works, which had been considerably enlarged, and upon his death in 1875, the property passed to his sons, Henry and Herbert, who have since continued a flourishing business.

The first tannery in Poland was established by Jenks Benchley in 1817; it stood on the south side of Cold Brook a little east of the stone bridge. Some years later he removed it to the opposite side of the brook and west of the bridge. The site of the vats was where the Union store is situated. In after years when Colonel Arnold's cotton factory suspended operations, Jenks Benchley and Ambrose Nicholson bought the

buildings and the water right of Arnold and converted the building into a tannery, which they continued to operate together many years. They finally sold out to Nicholas Rider, who was succeeded by Peter Countryman, who continued it until 1878, when the business was suspended. The property is now owned by Levi Schermerhorn.

Nathan Burwell, before mentioned, was the first blacksmith in Poland, and a man of high character. He had six children, three of whom were sons named Bryant, Dudley and Charles. Nathan Burwell's blacksmith shop was of logs and in later years he lived in the stone house owned by Robert Webster. He also carried on farming and became owner of considerable land in the neighborhood. Dudley Burwell became a prominent citizen of Herkimer county, and a brief sketch of his career will be found in another chapter devoted to the legal profession.

Daniel Jones was a skillful mechanic who was attracted to Poland by the water power in Cold Brook. He built a dam and a ditch for the diverted water, and erected a large shop, in which he placed a trip-hammer, the first one in the northern part of the county. Mr. Mather wrote: "I well remember the interest manifested by the inhabitants when, for the first time, they witnessed iron and steel hammered and moulded by water power." Jones was succeeded by James Trask, father of Isaac Trask, and two partners, John Gorton and James M. Dexter. For many years they manufactured scythes. James Trask and his son Isaac subsequently built the brick shop still standing a half mile above on the same stream, where a trip-hammer was put in and the manufacture of axes carried on. The building is now unused.

William and George Harrison established an iron foundry on the south side of Cold Brook and southeast of the Countryman tannery. They cast mill-gearings, small box stoves, hollow-ware, etc.

Daniel A. Sprague established the manufacture of wagons many years ago and was succeeded by his sons Arnold and Charles, who occupy the "cobble-stone" building. Uriah Schermerhorn and his brother Cornelius were early boot and shoemakers and became, eventually, wealthy farmers.

Nearly all the manufactures of Poland have gone down, while various interests have sprung up in Cold Brook, near by. There is a manufactory of veneers in Poland, carried on by the Perkins Manufacturing Company. The Poland cheese factory was established in 1863.

The first store in Poland was built and kept by Samuel Wright. The building was afterwards occupied as a cabinet shop by William Wright, and still later by Samuel Giles as a store. In 1861 it was converted into a dwelling and removed to Cold Brook street. Other merchants who succeeded Mr. Wright were Nahum Daniels, Samuel Giles, N. Butler, J. Douglass, C. A. Brown, William Benchley, Abel Morse, H. Baker, William Durant, Randall Rice, Samuel Arnold, and others. In order to provide for a well-kept permanent store, the Union Store was established in 1853, which was successfully operated till 1857, when the present large building was completed. Its affairs are conducted through a board of officers who are elected annually by ballot. By the payment of \$20 any person may become a stockholder, entitled to receive goods at a certain rate of discount below those granted to outsiders. The store has always been remarkably successful, and draws patrons from many surrounding towns.

Robbins Reed started a store in 1872, and soon afterward took his brother George into partnership. They are still in business.

The Bank of Poland was organized October 5, 1872, by S. R. Millington, Peter Countryman, M. A. Blue, William Buck, John Hemstreet, Isaac Beecher, and C. S. Millington. William Buck was elected president and Charles S. Millington, cashier. The bank was at first located in Dr. Millington's office, which was fitted up for that purpose. In 1876 it was removed to the new Kellogg block, where a vault was built for it. In 1885 the institution was reorganized as a national bank. The present officers are Warren Brayton, president, and Charles Millington, cashier. Dr. S. R. Millington is a son of Richard Millington, and was born in Russia in 1826. After studying in Geneva Medical College he practiced in Norway thirteen years and came to Poland in 1860. In 1872 he retired from his profession to engage in banking.

The post-office at Poland was established in 1838, with Joseph Benchley as postmaster, and the office was kept in his public house. The present postmaster is Robbins Reed.

Nathan Burwell kept the first public tavern in Poland, occupying for several years the large two-story house erected several years earlier by Samuel Wright. Mr. Burwell kept the house only a few years, and returned to blacksmithing and farming. Nahum Daniels soon purchased

the house and a large farm with it and occupied it for many years. He was a prominent citizen, and the place was known as "Danielsville" for years. This name caused confusion with Dansville, N. Y., and Joseph Benchley's influence changed the name to Poland, from the fact that Poland in Europe is in the southwest part of Russia. Dr. Millington purchased the Wright House in 1860, and removed it to make room for his present handsome residence. The old house is now the home of Mrs. John I. Countryman, on Cold Brook street.

After Mr. Burwell gave up his tavern, Samuel Giles kept a public house in the stone building now occupied by Thomas Arnold. This was continued only a few years and the building became the residence of George Arnold.

The first really permanent hotel in the place was erected and kept by Joseph Benchley, about 1828. He subsequently left Poland and conducted a hotel in Ilion; he died in Newport. The Benchley tavern afterwards became the wing of the main building erected by Albert Hendricks, now, after numerous changes chiefly made by Van Zant Willoughby, called the Ellis House, kept by Frank Ellis. The Webster House, now kept by Eugene Lovett, is also an old building on a site where a hotel has long been located. It passed to the possession of Van Zant Willoughby, by whom it was greatly changed. He sold it to Mrs. Rouse, who leases it to the present proprietor.

Previous to 1840 religious services were held at Poland in school-houses, private houses and elsewhere, and many families attended services in neighboring towns. On the 10th of April, 1840, a meeting was held at a school-house in Newport, to organize a "branch of the Free Baptist Church of Norway." The result was that a number of persons and families were constituted a church in Poland. In March, 1842, a subscription paper was circulated to raise money for a church building for the use of the "Newport and Poland Free Church." The connection with Newport was for the benefit of a few families who lived over the line in that town. The sum of \$825 was raised and a plain building erected; through other subscriptions the land was paid for. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Daniel McKoon. On the 16th of January, 1841, at a quarterly meeting held at Norway, a vote was taken on the proposition to constitute the Newport and Poland branch



of the Norway Free Baptist Church a distinct church by itself, and the meeting voted in its favor. The word "Newport" was subsequently omitted as inappropriate. The new church edifice of the Poland Free Baptist Society was begun June 6, 1872, and was dedicated December 18 of that year. Its costs was \$5,000. The present pastor is Rev. Isaac Hyatt. Deacons, A. W. Brayton, M. Root. Trustees, Henry Burwell, T. J. Waful, S. R. Millington, Milton Howe, Peter Newman, Marshall Root, A. W. Brayton.

The Methodist Society at Poland was organized in 1869, and services were held in the Baptist church, in Countryman's hall and elsewhere. In 1875 the church building was erected and dedicated on the 27th of June, 1876. It is one of the most attractive church buildings in the county, although its cost was only \$4,000. The first pastor was Rev. P. Wright.

*Cold Brook.* — This thriving little village is situated about two miles northeast of Poland where the State road crosses Cold Brook. Settlement began in this vicinity as early as 1810. Seth Fenner was here as early as that, and in 1811 built the first grist-mill for Judge Bowen, about twenty rods north of the site of the present mill. Mr. Fenner also built for himself a saw-mill about the same time. A distillery was built in 1818 where the Fenner blacksmith shop stands. Waterman Fenner and Morgan Fenner are sons of Seth. Stephen Smith settled early nearly opposite where Waterman Fenner now lives. Nicholas and Caleb Vincent were here before Fenner, and the latter bought land of Nicholas. Jonathan and Nathan Millington settled about three miles west of Cold Brook, where Alva Pullman lives. Peter and Ebenezer Newman settled a little south of Cold Brook, where their descendants still live. In 1825 Lemuel Carpenter built a distillery where is now the sash and door factory of Charles and Roselle Rhodes, and in 1830 Carpenter & Vincent built another where Charles Rhodes now lives. All these have gone to decay.

A saw-set factory was established in 1835, but the business was given up and the building is now used by Stillman & Co. as a wagon factory. The first store in the place was kept by Daniel Terry in 1830, where A. P. Coonradt's house now stands. Allen Baker kept a store on the opposite corner in 1835, and another was kept a little southeast of the



village on the State road in a building erected in 1838 by Peter Fake; it was burned. The first cheese box factory was established by Jefferson Moon in the old building where the Rhode shop now stands. Benjamin Hull, well known as "Governor," was the early blacksmith of the place, and had his shop on the State road southeast of the creek where Fred Payne now lives. The first tavern was kept by Stephen and Arthur Smith. The present Delevan House was built in 1832 by Benjamin Hurd and was called until recently the Mansion House. It is now kept by Michael Spellman. James L. Hoffman and David Walrath were early tailors, and Amos Carpenter was the first shoemaker. Luther Jones had a flax-mill in 1835 where the Davis cheese-box factory now stands. Stephen Smith 2d was the first postmaster here and was also a justice and surveyor; the present postmaster is Franklin Forrest. A saw-handle factory has been in operation here a number of years and is now conducted by Thomas Rhodes, who also has the saw-mill; Heman Payne has another mill. The grist mill was built by Ira Torrey. A button mould factory has been in operation here more than fifteen years.

The village constitutes one school district, and the present commodious school building was erected in 1880. There is only one church in Cold Brook, the Methodist, which was organized in 1835, with Rev. L. C. Rogers as pastor, and the following trustees: Amos H. Beebe, Joshua Overton, Jeremiah Smith, Asa Shaw, Aaron F. Bates, Roswell P. Smith. Rev. H. Casler is the present pastor, and following are the trustees: John M. Allen, Howard Newman, H. Payne, Jacob Rummel.

Grant is the name of a small village situated on Black Creek, near the center of the town. It was originally known as "Potter's Bush." Isaac Woodin was the first settler here in 1816, and in 1820 John Post came and through his influence a post-office was obtained named "Postville." Alexander Booth settled near Woodin about as early, and in honor of his son the name of the place was subsequently changed to "Booth;" but after the assassination\* of President Lincoln, the present name was given in honor of the great general, U. S. Grant.

A tavern was established here in 1820 by Walter Howard, on the south side of the creek, a little east of the tannery, and in the same

year Enoch Arnold kept a small store near-by. The tavern is now kept by A. H. Legg, who succeeded George Garlock six years ago. Stephen Smith built the first grist-mill in the place in 1821, on the site of the present mill. The mill has been often damaged and destroyed by floods, but was finally rebuilt by Adelbert Emery in its present form; it is now owned by John Wood and run by Seth Fenner. The tannery was built in 1821 by Zina and Almond Beecher; after several changes it came into the possession of Clark Dodge in 1877. In 1885 W. C. Benedict bought it and has since operated it. Between 16,000 and 18,000 sides of leather are turned out annually. The building was twice burned, and rebuilt once by Griffith O. Jones and once by Mr. Dodge. Owen Kelly kept an early store where Miss Cramer now lives, and John Post, already mentioned, was a still earlier merchant. The present merchants are David Jones and James Carpenter. The postmaster is George Garlock. The first saw-mill was built by the Booths and Mr. Woodin, and the next by the Beechers, where the dam now is. This was carried off by a flood. On the stream below the village Loren Pardee built a steam mill about 1850, which is now owned by the Abell estate. Mr. Pardee also built a mill at what is called "Pardeeville," about a mile from Grant. Alva Pardee, brother of Loren, built a tannery at that point, which was burned. Philip Young was the first blacksmith at Grant, and Elisha Hall was an early tailor.

The Free Will Baptist church at Grant was organized July 19, 1856, with eleven members. It was called the "Free Will Baptist Society of Russia Center." Isaac Woodin was the first deacon. Rev. R. H. Ketchum was the first pastor. The church was built in 1856 and dedicated June 12. The society is very feeble and the last pastor was Elder Whittemore.

The Methodist society at Grant was organized as early as 1860, but the precise date is not known, and there was preaching long before that by itinerants. In the summer of 1860 the present church was built. The society has nearly lost its identity and there is no regular preaching.

The village of Gravesville takes its name from William Graves, who settled there in 1800. Previous to that time and about 1796, a Major Geer located there and began tanning hides in a small way. Mr.

Graves was from Vermont and was a man of energy and character. He traded his horse and equipments with Geer for the tannery and went into business in the wilderness. In 1806 John Burr built a saw-mill near the site of the late grist-mill. The first grist mill was built by the father of Col. J. E. Hinman, of Utica, on the site of the late mill. It was burned on the 4th of February, 1826, and on the 10th of the next February Mr. Graves had the present mill running. In 1813 William and Hobart Graves built the carding-mill, and the same year saw the building of a trip hammer shop by Reuben Sacket. The post-office was established in 1848, with Elijah Seavey as postmaster. The cloth-dressing mill, grist-mill, cheese-box factory and a machine shop have all been abandoned. A store is kept here by Frank Lankton, who is postmaster, and another by Sherman Holliday, who began business in 1890 in the old store building, which had been occupied by Abner Moon as a dwelling. The carding-mill and a scale-board factory are owned and occupied by George Jinks.

There has been a Methodist Episcopal society here for many years, but it is difficult to secure any connected history of the church. The present pastor is Rev. Harvey Casler. A Universalist society formerly existed here, having been organized in 1845, and erected a church in the same year, but the members are at present without a pastor.

What is known as Russia village is a small hamlet in the southern part of the town, on the old State road, and was first settled by Samuel Wright, who owned the site of the village and sold it to Nathaniel Norton. He built a store and tavern in 1803, and kept both, where Charles White now lives. Moses Prindle was the first blacksmith in 1804. Dr. William Franc was the first resident physician. William Smith kept the first store, after Norton, in 1804, on the site of the present store kept by L. F. Carpenter, who is also postmaster. Nathaniel Waters settled here in 1805, and was a carpenter. The brick house now occupied by Giles Reed was the first one of brick in the place, and was built by a Mr. Bishop. Isaac Norton, Elijah Ayers, and Stephen Smith lived here in 1804, and all of them were surveyors. Jeremiah Smith, an early settler, was the first mail carrier, going along the State road from Johnstown, in Fulton county, through Norway and Russia to Trenton, Oneida county. A cheese factory was carried on here several years,

but was discontinued in 1888. There is no manufactory in the village at present.

A Baptist church was organized here in July, 1799, under the free will form. It remained thus until May 23, 1850, when it was merged into the close communion form. Elder Benajah Corp was the first preacher. Rev. J. F. Stilwell is the present pastor of the church.

A Union church was built here a number of years ago, and is now used by the Methodist Society, with Rev. Harvey Casler as the pastor.

Following is a list of supervisors of the town of Russia from its organization to the present time :

Amos Reed, 1807-10, 1812; Truman Walker, 1811, 1813; Nathan Millington, 1814-16, 1821; John Graves, 1817-20, 1822-26, 1828, 1834, 1835; Roland Sears, 1827; Edmund Varney, 1829-33; Selah Lockwood, 1836-38, 1843-44, 1846, 1848, 1852; Walter Booth, 1839-40, 1842, 1850, 1853; Orson Moore, 1841, 1854, 1859-60; Palmer Root, 1845; Ambrose Nicholson, 1847; Timothy A. Ferris, 1849; William Robbins, 1851; Isaac Beecher, 1855-56, 1861; Solomon Graves, 1857-58, 1863-65; P. A. Coonradt, 1862; James M. Walters, 1866-68; Clinton A. Moon, 1870-72; Ephraim Wheeler, 1873; Peter Smith, 1874; Wallace W. Moon, 1875-79; Milo Moore, 1880, 1881, 1892; Henry A. France, 1882, 1883; James O. Carpenter, 1884, 1887-1891; E. Robbins Reed, 1885, 1886, 1888, 1889; W. C. Benedict, 1890.

## CHAPTER XXVII.

### THE TOWN OF OHIO.

OHIO is one of the comparatively recently formed towns of Herkimer county, and was taken from Norway on the 11th of April, 1823, when it was given the name of West Brunswick. It retained this name until May 3, 1836, when it was changed to its present title. In the same year a portion of the town was taken off and annexed to Wilmurt. The town is all within the Jerseyfield patent, excepting the triangular portion lying northwest of the West Canada Creek, which is in the Remsenburg patent. The surface of the town is elevated from 700 to 900 feet above the Mohawk River, and is moderately hilly. In the eastern and southern portions the soil is loam and gravelly, and

good for tillage, while the remainder is sandy and light. The principal streams are West Canada Creek, flowing across the northwest part; Mount's Creek, crossing near the center of the town in a southwesterly direction; Black Creek in the southern part, which flows into West Canada Creek five miles above Trenton Falls; Fox Creek in the western part, and other smaller streams. There are several small lakes in the town, among them Mount's, Curtis, Crooked and Round Lakes. A small part of the northeast and northwest sections is still heavily wooded.

This town was settled previous to the Revolution, when it formed a part of the Kingsland district, and was the theater of one of the cold blooded atrocities that marked that period. The first settler was named Mount, but his first name is not now known. He located on pleasantly-situated land on the east side of the stream that has always borne his name, near the center of the town; the property is now owned by George R. Turner. There he had erected comfortable buildings, a saw-mill, fences, etc., gathered stock and planted an orchard. The dwellers in this pleasant home were doomed to suffering at the hands of a relentless foe. The father and mother went one day to Little Falls, twenty miles distant, with grain to be ground, returned home and found their two sons dead in the barn, their scalps taken, and a little negro boy, who lived with them, alive and anxiously waiting his master's return. "Mr. Mount came from New Jersey. His secluded position rendered it quite certain, being about twenty miles from the German settlements on the river, that neither he nor his sons participated in the conflict going on between the crown and the colonies, by any aggressive acts against the former, and if he had at any time previously been visited by any of the strolling actors in the bloody drama then being performed, he did not indulge in offensive language, as he seems not to have been molested."<sup>1</sup> Mount's buildings were not destroyed at the time his boys were killed, but later they were burned by some one. A mill, however, that was situated on Mill Creek, a few miles north of Grayville, was burned at that time.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Benton's History of Herkimer County, p. 455.

<sup>2</sup> Another source has suggested that this Indian tragedy was perpetrated by a settler who was employed as a surveyor on the tract in 1808, and had gathered his information from persons then living near the Mounts' farm. From our collection he heavily suspected of Mr. Mount, his wife,

It is quite certain, but not now susceptible of proof, that other settlers were located in this town previous to the Revolution. The Mount tragedy is supposed to have occurred in the summer of 1782. David Thorp moved upon the Mount farm soon after the Revolution and lived there many years; he was father of David, jr., who was member of Assembly in 1832.

In 1790 John Miller settled in this town, and was soon followed by a Mr. Warner, Aaron Thorp, Harmanus Van Epps, and others. The first tavern in the town was kept on the Mount farm by David Thorp.

What is now known as Grayville (or Gray) was first settled on the north bank of the creek in this town by Philo McDonald in 1818. He built a saw-mill on the site of the present mill owned by C. B. Gray. He owned the land on that side of the creek, and in 1820 Latham Gray purchased 300 acres on the south side and began improvements. From him the settlement took its name. In 1828 he brought his family to the place and under his energetic labors and the efforts of others who were attracted thither, the hamlet became an active center of business. In 1837 Mr. Gray made for Perry & Swezey, who were then engaged in business at Newport, the first boxes in which cheese was ever sent to the New York market. Mr. Gray opened the first store in the place, where Ira Williams is now doing business. He also gave S. Bullock a lot on which was erected the first blacksmith shop in the village. W. W. Bullock still carries on business there. The first tavern in the village was built by George Benchley in 1844, on the site of the present hotel kept by Charles Wallace. In 1843 Jeremiah Petrie opened a boot and shoe shop, and in 1853 the present tannery was built by Oliver Harvey and William Ladue. Douglas Bennett was employed in this tannery for a time. The tannery was closed up a few years ago. The first postmaster was William L. Gray, and the present one is Dr. E. Kelly. The mail, which is now received daily, formerly came once a week.

daughter, two sons and a negro boy. Two Indians had been lurking about the place several days, but had not made any hostile demonstrations, as the young men had taken their loaded rifles with them when they left the house, but on the day they were killed and scalped in the barn, they had neglected this precaution. When the report of firearms was heard in the house, the rest of the family fled to the woods and made their way to Little Falls as fast as they could. Mr. Mount did not see his wife and daughter, after leaving the house, until they met at Little Falls. The Indians, my informant says, burned Mount's buildings when they found that the family had left the place.

--Benton's Herkimer County, pp. 4-5

Many other mills have been built in the town at various times. William Hemstreet, father of John and Samuel Hemstreet, built a saw-mill that is still running between Ohio City and Grayville, on Mount's Creek. Just beyond that is the mill known as the Jacob A. Radley mill, now owned and operated by William Summers; and between these is the steam mill of Augustus Christman & Son. Their father was John Christman, an early settler in that vicinity. Another saw-mill was built by John Dagenkolb, a mile and a half west of Ohio some fifteen years ago. The saw-mill at Grayville is now run by C. B. Gray.

Ohio City is a hamlet a little west of the center of the town. There is no manufacturing carried on here. Albert Abeel came early to this section and kept a store at Ohio many years; he died recently and is succeeded by his son J. W. Abeel. Gilbert J. Johnson has kept a public house in a building erected by Albert Abeel in 1840. Abeel was a bright man and an active Republican politician. The father of Gilbert J. Johnson was Henry I. Johnson, who came here in 1850 and settled two miles east of Ohio, adjoining Cornelius Turner, who was an early settler in that neighborhood. Michael Sweetman was also an early settler in the Turner neighborhood, and died in 1829, leaving descendants. Other settlers who should be mentioned are the father of the late Samuel Gibson, who located near the Hemstreet mill; Asa Vickery; William Coppernoll, whose father, G. A. Coppernoll, was an early farmer of the town; the Willoughby family and others, sketches of whom appear a little further on.

At the present time John Sullivan and Ira Williams are merchants at Graysville, and S. A. Nellis has a grocery at Ohio City. The present postmaster at the latter place is Gilbert J. Johnson.

There are now eight school districts in the town. There was formerly a German Lutheran church in which services were held a number of years, but they have been discontinued. The Methodist church at Ohio City was organized in 1847, in which movement Jeremiah E. Phillips was prominent. The first trustees were James M. Coppernoll, Reuben H. Wood, Jeremiah Phillips, Rowland Emery, Gilbert Allen. It was then known as the Union Presbyterian and Methodist church. The Presbyterians do not have services now, although their society is still in existence. Richard Knight was the first Presbyterian pastor, and Al-



vin Robbins the first Methodist, in 1843. The present trustees of the church are George Turner, John Cummings, Lewis Wagner. Rev. H. L. Hastings is the present pastor.

Considerable lumber business is still carried on in the town, mostly in the northern parts. But the chief industry is dairying, one factory being situated near Ohio City, and one just over the line in Norway; the latter receives patronage from this town.

Following is a list of supervisors of the town of Ohio from its organization to the present time:

J. D. Hemstreet, 1824-25, 1832, 1834; W. S. Fox, jr., 1826; David Thorp, jr., 1827-30, 1833; John Paull, 1831; Samuel Reese, 1835; Asa Vickery, 1836, 1839, 1840, 1844; Philo F. McDonald, 1837-38; Henry S. Conklin, 1841-42; William Coppernoll, 1843, 1845, 1850, 1853-54, 1859; Albert Abeel, 1846-49, 1851-52, 1855-58; R. H. Wood, 1860-61, 1865; M. L. Wood, 1862; Samuel Gibson, 1863-64, 1871-73; John Emery, 1866-67; William S. Burt, 1868-70; H. O. Willoughby, 1874-75; John H. Fisher, 1876-77; James M. Brown, 1878-1880; Lewis Lawton, 1881-1884; Thorne E. Curtis, 1885; Christopher Wallace, 1886; James Abeel, 1887-1889; Firman Ouderkirk, 1890-1892.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

### THE TOWN OF WILMURT.

THIS is the largest town in the State of New York and includes the whole north part of Herkimer county. It extends a distance of nearly fifty miles in length north and south, and about sixteen in width. Its boundaries are as follow: Beginning at the southwest corner of the town of Morehouse (Hamilton county), and running westerly on the north line of the Jerseyfield patent until it strikes the West Canada Creek; thence continuing the same course of the Jerseyfield line until it strikes the west line of Herkimer county; thence northerly on said line until it strikes the north boundary line; thence easterly along the north bounds of the county until it strikes the northwest corner of the town of Morehouse; thence southerly on said line to the place of beginning. Within these boundaries are all those parts of Remsenburgh and Vrooman's patents, Adgate's Brown's, Nobleborough, Moose River,



and Watson's tracts, and Totten and Crossfield purchase which lie in Herkimer county.

The surface of Wilmurt is rocky and mountainous and a large part of it is unfit for cultivation. In the deep valleys among the mountains are numerous beautiful and picturesque lakes, often connected by streams of pure cold water. The soil is a sandy loam. Numbers one to four of the Fulton chain of lakes are in the town and sources of the Moose River; while Transparent, Woodhull, Bisby and other lakes flow into Black River. These lakes, streams and forests are favorite resorts for the fisherman and huntsman. Trout abound in the pure waters, and deer are numerous in the remote wilderness of the northern parts.

Wilmurt was formed from Russia and West Brunswick (now Ohio) May 3, 1836, when William Baker was chosen supervisor; he was succeeded in 1839 by David Thorp. There has been only a little public improvement in the town, confined chiefly to the opening of necessary roads and the construction of bridges.

In the year 1790 Arthur Noble, of Scotland, settled on the Nobleborough tract of 49,960 acres in the southeast part of Wilmurt. There he built a saw mill, and attempted to colonize his land; but he failed. In 1792 Alexander Macomb, of New York, purchased of the State 1,920,000 acres of land, at nine pence per acre, in the northern part of the State, and in the same year John Brown, of Rhode Island, acquired the title to about 200,000 acres of that purchase, which tract was divided into eight townships, numbered from one to eight. This has always been known as Brown's tract, and it extended into the northern part of Herkimer county. Mr. Brown visited his lands near the close of the last century, made some limited improvements by opening roads, building houses and mills, in the hope of finding sale for them. He died before realizing his expectations. A few years after Mr. Brown's death, his son-in-law, Charles F. Herreshoff, visited the tract and made a determined effort to settle and improve it. He cleared about 2,000 acres, repaired the mill formerly built by Brown, erected new mills, including an iron forge, and finally gathered about him thirty or forty families. These improvements were chiefly situated near what has ever since been known as "The Old Forge" in the town of Wilmurt. A little iron was actually manufactured; but Herreshoff's means became exhausted and his courage failed. He therefore "resorted to the experiment of drawing on his friends in Providence for the needful means to consummate his

dearly cherished project. The draft was returned to him protested ; he felt dishonor keenly, and deliberately shot himself through the head." It is probable that Herreshoff was visionary and had poor judgment of business matters. The town as a whole was at that time, and is still to a considerable extent, a rugged wilderness, into which he should have seen the difficulty of building roads, upon which must have depended his success. Nothing but the most ambitious dreams could have kept him at his fruitless and herculean task so long.

After Herreshoff's death the people he had brought to his settlement gradually dispersed, and all the buildings and improvements that had been made went to decay. A large portion of the tract eventually passed to the State for unpaid taxes.

A second attempt was made to settle and improve the Nobleborough tract in 1793, but this also failed. Mr. Benton wrote of this as follows : " The remains of a grist and saw-mill were seen at this settlement about the year 1811 by William Bensley, of Newport. Mr. Noble must have been influenced by a monomania like that of John Brown when he caused a carriage road to be cut and cleared to his lands, over which he passed in his coach. Mr. Noble sojourned for a time at Little Falls while his experiments in the woods were going on, but finally returned to Scotland."

Great hopes have at various times been inspired by the large iron deposits existing in the northern part of this town ; but it is now generally admitted that the ore, situated as it is and with a character such as it possesses, will not pay for working. Almost the entire town was formerly a dense wilderness of valuable timber, and much of it still remains. The practicability of turning this to valuable account in lumber business long ago attracted the attention of men of means. In order that the West Canada Creek might be used for floating logs successfully, the State Legislature appropriated \$5,000 many years ago to remove obstructions from its channel, and a heavy lumber business was founded, Gardner Hinckley being foremost in the work. Through this work a large tract of territory in the eastern and southern parts of the town has been cleared of the forest and considerable farming is carried on.

There is a post-office at what is called East Wilmurt, at which J. Edward Spencer Wilkinson is postmaster, and keeps a store. A large mill is operated on the West Canada Creek by the Richard Brothers, and there is a steam mill on the Twin Lake stream.

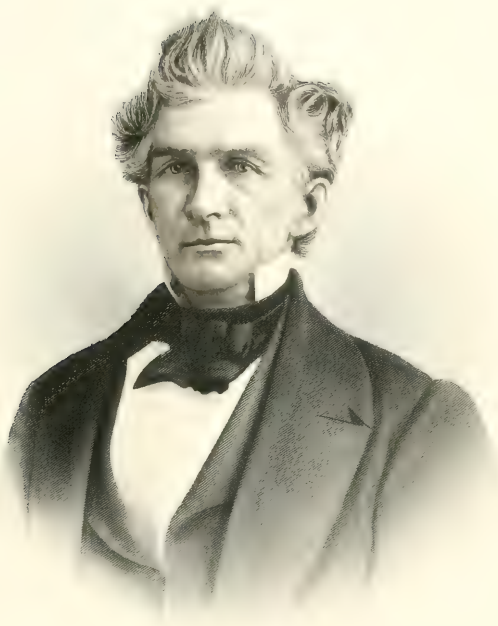
There are a number of popular summer resorts within the limits of the town. Mr. Wilkinson, before mentioned, has kept a public house for many years, which is well known over a wide field, and there are others on the lakes in the far northern part of the town. The opening of the Adirondack and St. Lawrence Railroad through Wilmurt in 1892 will doubtless lead to the more active development of this town.

Gang Mills post-office is in the southwestern part of the town and takes its name from the large mills built there many years ago by Hinckley & Ballou (the latter, Theodore P. Ballou, a prominent business man of Utica). The business part of Gang Mills is in the town of Wilmurt, and the remainder in Oneida county. Robert Hall is postmaster there and keeps a store. The opening of the branch of the Adirondack and St. Lawrence Railroad to this point was effected in 1892. The extensive mills are now owned by the Trenton Falls Lumber Company, and are operated for the company by Edward C. Hargraves. The company also keep a store on the east side of the creek. The Methodist church here was dedicated in 1873.

Gardner Hinckley came into town early and became conspicuous in the lumber business and was associated with Theodore P. Ballou, of Utica, in the establishment of large saw mills. (See biography in later pages of this work.) Francis Wilkinson was supervisor of the town in 1852, and father of J. E. S. Wilkinson, now postmaster and merchant at East Wilmurt. The elder Wilkinson settled in Wilmurt in 1824, on the Noble tract. Edward Fallen settled in the town in 1840 and became a prominent lumberman and mill owner, where the Richards Brothers' mill now is. John C. Richards was father of the Richards Brothers (John and William), and settled in Wilmurt in 1865; he was a farmer and lumberman, and now lives in Herkimer.

Following is a list of supervisors of the town of Wilmurt from its organization to the present time:

William Baker, 1836-38; David Thorp, 1839; Caleb Walkins, 1840-42-43; Richard Fisk, 1841; Gardner Hinckley, 1844-47, 1849-51, 1853; William Becker, 1848; Francis Wilkinson, 1852; John M. Lane, 1854-57; Charles Crippen, 1858; George W. Dawson, 1859-61, 1867; Robert Billsboro, 1862-63; J. E. S. Wilkinson, 1864-66, 1870-72, 1877; Andrew J. Fonda, 1868-69; John C. Richards, 1873, 1879-80; Griffith Evans, 1874, 1881, 1885; Jerry Flansburg, 1875; J. Francis Flansburg, 1878-82-1891; John M. Richards, 1883-84, 1886-89, 1892; Peter Clancy, 1888; George S. Watkins, 1889; Henry Conklin, 1890.



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Genuine Hiram's Key*



## CHAPTER XXIX.

## BIOGRAPHICAL.

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HON. EZRA GRAVES

Was of early New England ancestry. He was born at Russia in this county December 1, 1803, and was the son of Hon. John Graves, who came to that town in 1795, clearing a farm in the "wild woods" and encountering all the hardships of frontier life, till he rose in position to be member of Assembly and then Sheriff, and living to the age of seventy-six. His son Ezra at an early age worked at the trade of tanner and currier, having been employed as such by Abel Munson and Colonel Amos Griswold in Salisbury, and by other residents of that and the neighboring towns. At twenty-three years of age he was married at Newport to Miss Maria Card. In the year 1827 he with others founded the village of Florence; but soon afterwards he determined to commence the study of the law. He pursued his studies in the law office of General Charles Gray from 1832 to 1835, when he was admitted to the bar and immediately began practice. His first office was that of under sheriff, while his father was sheriff; his second was that of commissioner of deeds; his third that of supervisor of Herkimer, to which position he was elected in 1840 and re-elected in 1841.

He was then thirty-eight years of age; but so earnest and determined that he soon won a proud position, and in 1845 he was appointed first judge and surrogate. Two years later he was elected to the position, and was repeatedly re-elected until 1856, when Robert Earl was chosen for one term. In 1859 Judge Graves was again elected and served till the expiration of his term, January 1, 1864. In 1866 he was elected member of the Constitutional Convention of this State. In 1872 he was elected on the Republican State ticket as inspector of state prisons. Judge Graves took considerable interest in military affairs, and held the office of captain in the Sixty-eighth Regiment of Light Infantry in 1827 under Governor De Witt Clinton. In 1843 he was commissioned judge advocate in the Fourth Brigade of Riflemen by Governor Silas Wright, and two years later received a commission for the same office in the Fourth Division of Rifles from Governor William C. Bouck. As a lawyer he was a good speaker, a conscientious adviser and an upright practitioner. During all the years of his judicial life he was honored alike for his ability, his fairness and his good judgment. As a member of the Constitutional Convention he was useful, industrious and devoted to needed reformatory measures. His term as inspector of prisons was filled with indefatigable efforts for the improvement of discipline, for the reformation of prisoners and for the prevention of abuses; and among the proudest mementoes of his official life

were the resolutions adopted by the convicts of one of the prisons thanking him for the efforts he had made for their improvement and reform while in confinement.

Judge Graves was a strong man and a good man—strong in his determined will to achieve what he set out to do—good in all that goes to make up true manhood.

He had the courage of his convictions and he dared to act what he believed. When in early life he recognized the evils of intemperance he stopped absolutely and forever the use of liquors in any form. When in later life he realized the injurious effect of tobacco, he renounced the weed absolutely and forever. We allude to these circumstances only as illustrative of his great self-control and determination. He believed in these reforms, and always afterwards impressed his sincerity upon his associates. His heart beat for humanity. He was the friend of the oppressed, of the besotted, of the criminal, of his brethren everywhere.

In his home he was loved as only such a man can be. In the village where his manhood was spent he was public-spirited, generous, abounding in all neighborly kindnesses, and in all sympathy for sickness and distress.

For many years he was a trustee of Fairfield Academy and of Clinton Liberal Institute. He early united with the Universalist church and became one of its pillars and strongest promoters. He was a member of the building committee of the new church of that denomination in Herkimer and was greatly interested in the success of the enterprise. His early education was mainly obtained at Fairfield Seminary, and he always referred to his school days with great pleasure. He was a prominent Mason, being one of the charter members of Herkimer Lodge, No. 423, F. & A. M., and one of its first masters. He died at Herkimer on the 8th day of January, 1883, in his eightieth year. His widow, Maria Graves, died on the 23d day of August, 1884.

Of his father's family there is but one survivor, Hon. Solomon Graves, of Russia. Of his own family there remain his sons, General John Card Graves, of Buffalo, and Dr. George Graves, of Herkimer, and his daughter, Mrs. William H. Mayton, who was of late years a member of her father's household.

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## JUDGE ROBERT EARL

Is a native of Herkimer, in Herkimer county, where he was born September 10, 1824. He was educated in the Herkimer Academy and Union College, graduating in 1845. He read law in the office of Hon. Charles Gray, and also in the office of his brother, the late Samuel Earl, and was admitted to the bar in 1848. In 1846 he was elected school superintendent, and in 1849 supervisor of his town. In 1860 he was again elected supervisor, and he has been president and trustee of the village of Herkimer. In 1855 he was elected county judge of the county, and served as county judge and surrogate for one term of four years. In 1869 he was elected judge of the Court of Appeals, and served as chief judge until July 1, 1870, when the new Court of Appeals by an amendment to the constitution came into existence, and he then became a commissioner of appeals, and he served as such until July, 1875. In November, 1875, he

was appointed by Governor Tilden judge of the Court of Appeals to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Grover, and he served under that appointment until January, 1877. In the fall of 1876 he was elected judge of the Court of Appeals for a full term of fourteen years from the first day of January following. In the fall of 1890, having received the nomination of both the Democratic and Republican parties, he was again elected judge of the Court of Appeals for a full term, of which he can serve only four years on account of the constitutional limitation of age. By appointment of Governor Flower he served as chief judge during the year 1892, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Judge Ruger. He received the degree of LL.D. from Union College in 1874, and from Columbia College in 1889. He was married October 12, 1852, to Juliet Z. Wilkerson, of Richfield Springs.

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### SAMUEL EARL.

Samuel Earl was born August 9, 1822. His father was John Earl, a lineal descendant of Ralph Earl, who came to this country in 1638 and settled at Portsmouth, R. I. His mother was Margaret Petry, a daughter of Dr. William Petry of Revolutionary fame. (An account of the life of Dr. Petry occurs in the earlier pages of this work.) Samuel Earl had one sister, Margaret Earl, now deceased, and one brother, Robert Earl, who for the last twenty years has been a judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York.

The education of Samuel Earl was acquired at common schools and at Fairfield Seminary, where he graduated. His early life was spent upon the farm of his uncle, Henry Petry, near the head of Main street in Herkimer village, which for over one hundred years has been the home of the Petrys and the Earls. The present Earl residence, where Mr. Earl resided during his entire life, was originally built by Dr. Petry, near the close of the Revolutionary War, and is still in excellent preservation, and is now the home of his children. His early work upon the farm of his uncle gave him a practical knowledge of farm life and farm management; and throughout his life he was largely interested in agriculture.

At the age of twenty he began the study of law. Teaching school during the winter season, he studied his profession during the rest of the time. He began his studies in the office of Hon. Michael Hoffman at Herkimer, N. Y. He also studied with Peckham and Colt at Albany, N. Y. He was admitted to the bar in 1847.

Upon his admission to practice he opened an office in the village of Herkimer, N. Y. His brother subsequently studied with him; and later the two brothers formed a partnership under the firm name of S. & R. Earl. This partnership continued until Robert was elected judge of the Court of Appeals. Upon the elevation of Robert to the Appeals bench, Samuel was for a number of years associated in the practice of law with Hon. George W. Smith, formerly Oneida county judge, and Mr. E. A. Brown, under the firm name of Earl, Smith and Brown. Subsequently Mr. Earl became the senior partner and counsel in the firm of Earl and Prescott, Mr. William C. Prescott being associated with him. Later, after practicing a few years alone, he formed with C. E. Snyder a partnership that continued until his death.



Mr. Earl occupied a conspicuous position at the bar of Herkimer county and met with a large degree of success.

He was early associated with his brother and others as a copartner in the banking business under the firm name and style of The Herkimer Bank; and upon the dissolution of that firm and its formation as a corporation in 1885 he was elected a director of the new organization and a member of its executive committee, which positions he held until the time of his death.

He was one of the original incorporators of the Herkimer, Newport and Poland Narrow Gauge Railway Company, a business venture that has contributed very materially to the prosperity of Herkimer village; and in the development of that enterprise he was an energetic worker and spent considerable time and money. At the time of his death he was the senior attorney of the new Adirondack and St. Lawrence line from Herkimer to Montreal, the successor of the old Herkimer, Newport and Poland Narrow Gauge Road.

He was an ardent Democrat in politics and an active and efficient worker in his party. He twice received the nomination for county judge and although of conceded ability was not able to overcome the large Republican majority in the county. For a long time he was a member of the Democratic County Committee and repeatedly represented the party in State conventions. In political campaigns, by his able contributions to the Democratic press, Mr. Earl rendered valuable service.

Upon all matters pertaining to the history of Herkimer county he was well informed and was a recognized authority. He was always interested in the collection of ancient documents and records pertaining to local history; and many interesting and important papers together with original research have been furnished by him for preservation to the Oneida Historical Society, of which he was a member. Valuable historical material left by him has been used in the compilation of this volume, and his writings and addresses relative to the valley of the upper Mohawk and the Palatines are authoritative contributions to local history.

In character Mr. Earl was always plain and outspoken. It was written of him at the time of his death that "he always had the courage of his convictions. Frankness and outspokenness were his cardinal virtues. Sincerity characterized his friendships. He never shirked what he believed to be his duty no matter how great the evil or how high or elevated the position of the transgressor. In him the friends of good and honest government had a most efficient aid."

He was one of the organizers of Christ church, Herkimer, and held the position of vestryman until his death. He was twice married. His first wife was Isabella J. Putnam, of Herkimer, N. Y., and his second wife Frances Lansing, of Manheim, N. Y. He died, leaving four children, October 10, 1891.

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## THE FEETER FAMILY.

As will be seen from the sketch which follows of the Feeter family, James Feeter, whose portrait appears in this volume, is descended from the first families of the Palatine who settled in the Mohawk valley.

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Among the oldest and in some respects the most historical families of the Mohawk valley are those descended from Lucas and Annis Feeter, who came to this country from Wittenberg, Germany, and settled in the Stone Arabia district, on lands now included in Fulton county. Lucas Feeter was father of Col. William Feeter, who was born on the 2d of February, 1756. He subsequently became one of the most noted and conspicuous pioneers of the valley of the Mohawk, and married Elizabeth Bellinger, daughter of Adam Bellinger and Mary Elizabeth Petrie. The reader of the preceding pages of this volume has learned of the prominence of the Bellinger and Petrie families in the history of this part of the State. Elizabeth Bellinger, wife of William Feeter, was born March 22, 1765, and their marriage took place in 1782. In the early years of his life the name of William Feeter was written "Veeder," and "Vedder," and in 1786, when he was commissioned ensign in the militia, it was written "Father." In 1791 he was appointed a justice of the peace under the name of "Veeder."

Settled as the family were near to the neighborhood of Sir William Johnson's residence at Johnstown, it is not surprising that they fell much under his influence, and to such an extent that all of the family, excepting William, followed the fortunes of Sir John Johnson and went with him to Canada. Such a course would have been impossible to young William Feeter, for his native patriotism and love of justice prompted him to adhere to the cause of the colonists, and to aid them to the best of his powers. On every occasion when the beautiful Mohawk valley was invaded by ruthless savages and no less blood-thirsty Tories, he was among the foremost volunteers to repel the enemy. One incident of this character is thus related by Mr. Benton in his history of Herkimer county.

"A party of Indians and Tories made a descent upon a settlement in the Palatine district for the purpose of plunder and murder, and the subject of this sketch took an active part in punishing the lawless intruders. It appeared that the object of the enemy was to plunder and murder a family related to one of the Tory invaders, which was not quite agreeable to him; he therefore gave himself up, and disclosed the nefarious intentions of the enemy, who, finding themselves betrayed, made a rapid flight to the woods. Col. Willett did not feel disposed to let them off without a severe chastisement; he therefore ordered Lieutenant Sammons, with twenty-five volunteers, among whom was William Feeter, to go in pursuit, and they moved so rapidly that they came upon the enemy's burning camp fires early the next morning. Feeter and six other men were directed to keep the trail, and after a rapid pursuit of two miles in the woods a party of Indians was discovered lying flat on the ground. The latter, when they saw Feeter approach, instantly arose and fired; but one of the enemy being grievously wounded by the return fire of the Americans, the whole gang of Indians and Tories fled precipitately, leaving their knapsacks, provisions and some of their arms. The result of this affair was, that three of the enemy were wounded in the running fight kept up by Feeter and his party, and died on their way to Canada; one surrendered himself a prisoner, and the wounded Indian was summarily dispatched by his former Tory comrade, who had joined in the pursuit."

William Feeter found little sympathy in the neighborhood of his father's home, and took up his residence for a time with a Mr. Yauney's family. The latter was a firm patriot and he presented to young Feeter the musket which he carried through the war, and which is still preserved in the family. Soon after the close of the Revolution, during which Colonel Feeter rose to the rank which gave him his title, and per-

formed service which entitles him to the patriotic remembrance of the country, he settled on a large farm within the present limits of Little Falls, and cultivated it for more than fifty years. In the year 1797, noting the discomforts of the people through the deprivation of mail facilities, he conceived the idea of establishing a mail route on his private account. His son, Adam, was then sixteen years old, and his father fitted him out with a good horse and saddle-bags and started him in the new undertaking. The boy's duty was to solicit subscribers to newspapers and to carry all letters entrusted to him between Albany and Little Falls on both sides of the river, and to Johnstown and vicinity through the Royal Grant, north of Little Falls, and to German Flats and on nearly to Utica, which was then the border of civilization. This unique mail service was continued three years and was thoroughly successful in its various features of procuring subscribers, doing business for Mr. Porteous, the only merchant then in Little Falls, and for a Mr. Kane, who had a store a little east of the village of Canajoharie, besides the delivering of a large number of letters. The hardships of Adam Feeter on these trips, summer and winter, in which he had often to cross the river by fording when it was swollen with floods, would furnish materials for a most romantic narrative.

Colonel William Feeter reared a family of twelve children, and died at his homestead on the 5th of May, 1844, aged eighty-eight years. He was a member of the Lutheran church and of the Fairfield lodge of Masons. His wife died August 30, 1831.

Following is a list of commissions held by Colonel Feeter during his life:

William Father, by commission dated the second day of October, 1786, signed by Geo. Clinton, governor, &c., was appointed ensign of Captain Jacob Petry's company in regiment of militia in Montgomery county, whereof Henry Staring is lieutenant-colonel commanding.

William Veeder, by commission dated the 11th of February, 1789, was appointed ensign of a company of light infantry in the regiment of militia in the county of Montgomery, whereof Henry Staring is lieutenant-colonel commanding.

William Veeder, by commission dated the 8th of March, 1791, was appointed captain in the regiment of militia in Herkimer county, whereof Henry Staring is lieutenant-colonel commandant.

William Feeter, by commission dated the 9th of October, 1793, was appointed captain of a company of light infantry in a regiment of militia in the county of Herkimer, whereof Jacob Petrie is lieutenant-colonel commandant.

The above commissions are all signed by Geo. Clinton, governor.

William Feeter, by commission dated the 11th day of April, 1796, signed by John Jay, governor, &c., at our city of New York, was appointed second major of the regiment of militia in the county of Herkimer, whereof Jacob Petrie is lieutenant-colonel commandant.

William Feeter, by commission dated the 27th day of March, 1797, signed by John Jay, governor, &c., at our city of Albany, was appointed first major of the regiment of militia in Herkimer county, whereof Richard Petri is lieutenant-colonel commandant.

William Feeter, by commission dated the 29th of March, 1798, signed by John Jay, governor, at Albany, was appointed lieutenant-colonel commandant of a regiment of militia at Herkimer.

Adam Feeter, son of Colonel William Feeter, was born in the town of Little Falls, October 27, 1782. The successful conduct of the mail route established by his father

has been mentioned. This business gave him a very wide acquaintance through the Mohawk valley, and also among officials at Albany, by whom he was often entrusted with the carriage of important State papers. It was his pride to relate that in his three years as mail carrier he never missed a trip, or lost a letter or paper. In the year 1800 a government mail route was established which was tendered to him: but he declined it, preferring a more quiet domestic life. After his marriage to Mara Keyser, February 10, 1805, he settled at Ingham's Mills, where he carried on a milling business a few years, but as it did not agree with his health, he purchased a farm in the town of Manheim and there spent the remainder of his life. He died April 15, 1865, at the age of eighty-three years, in the enjoyment of the respect of the whole community.

Among the eight children of Adam Feeter was James Feeter, whose portrait is found in this work. He was born at Ingham's Mills, Herkimer county, N. Y., on the 14th of January, 1806, and inherited the hardy German characteristics which gave himself and his ancestors long lives of activity. After securing a fair practical education while living at his home in Manheim, Mr. Feeter settled permanently in Little Falls in 1831 and three years later engaged in the grocery business with the late Orrin Searles. He had previously on the 24th of September, 1829, married Cynthia Small, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Small, of the town of Herkimer. After two years' business connection with Mr. Searles, Mr. Feeter purchased his interest and from that time on until his death he continued in the same line of trade, in which he was thoroughly successful. At a time when Little Falls was a small village, Mr. Feeter erected a business block, which until this day is an evidence of his belief in the prosperity of the village. His business career in Little Falls covered a period of nearly sixty years, and during all that time it received his undivided attention and supervision. Naturally prudent and economical, he accumulated a large fortune, although he lost heavily by the freshet of 1842, and a fire in 1848, when his store and contents were wholly destroyed. Mr. Feeter's acquaintance with the older citizens of Little Falls and the immediate surrounding country was extensive, and among them his character and business ability was held in the highest respect. His sagacity and foresight as applied to his own transactions were remarkable, while his business habits were founded upon unimpeachable integrity. He was in business affairs uncompromising, but privately he was a charitable citizen. An ardent lover of his home and its associations, he sought little for personal pleasure in society, but found contentment and enjoyment in the companionship of his contemporary fellow citizens, and the attachments of his home. Forbearing and kind to all and upon all occasions, he still was firm in his convictions and outspoken in expressing them. He built and owned the Feeter block and improved other real estate in the village, and was always ready to lend his aid as far as judicious in the advancement of the interests of the place. He was long a member and vestryman in Emanuel Episcopal church and a believer in the teachings of religion. In politics Mr. Feeter was an ardent Republican after the formation of that party, and in early years took a very active interest in its success. In 1847 he was elected to the Assembly, and held the office of president of the village several terms. It should be remembered that his election as assemblyman was on the Whig ticket, in a district strongly Democratic. In his political work he made the acquaintance and friendship

of Gov. John Young, Millard Fillmore and other prominent men, and was a lifelong friend of Roscoe Conkling (and his allegiance to him could never be shaken) and Thurlow Weed. His election as a Whig in a district so strongly Democratic, gave him considerable local prominence and led to his subsequent activity in the counsels of his party. As a recognition of his political services he was chosen a member of the State committee and presidential elector from his district. Mr. Feeter was one of the principal organizers of the Little Falls National Bank and one of its directors until his death. A resolution adopted by the board after his death said:

"In the death of Mr. Feeter we are deprived of an associate whom an acute faculty of observation and long business experience made a safe adviser in all fiscal matters, and the loss of whose sound counsel and ever ready assistance is deeply felt by our board; the stockholders of this bank have lost an officer whose efforts have largely contributed to its prosperity and who deservedly possessed their entire confidence."

Mr. Feeter's death occurred January 23, 1892.

Mr. Feeter left him surviving, only one son, James D. Feeter, at the present time cashier of the Little Falls National Bank and one of its principal stockholders.

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### ALBERT G. STORY—ALBERT STORY.

The immediate ancestry of the family of this name was from New England. William Story removed from Connecticut to Cherry Valley in the early days of that historic ground, and long was proprietor of a stage route on the old Albany turnpike. He died in Cherry Valley. His wife was Eunice Cary, and his children were Albert G., John, Fred T., Charles, George, Julia, Eunice.

Albert G. Story, son of William, was born in Cherry Valley October 19, 1812. He was given opportunity to secure an ample education, finishing with a course in Union College. Leaving his studies he entered the Central Bank of Cherry Valley as a clerk, where he continued until 1833, when he removed to Little Falls as a candidate for the cashiership of the Herkimer County Bank; in 1833 he was chosen teller, which position he held only six months, when he was promoted to cashier. This responsible office he held many years and until the death of Col. William H. Alexander (which occurred February 22, 1867), then president of the bank, when Mr. Story was placed in that position until 1886, and has continued to be connected with its affairs until the present time. During his long business career in Little Falls, Mr. Story has risen to a foremost position in financial circles and in the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. With unassuming integrity of purpose and singular devotion to duty, Mr. Story has guided the Herkimer County Bank to an honorable place among banks in the State, and has passed a far longer life than that commonly allotted to man in the active service of that institution. Mr. Story was formerly and down to the war period, a Democrat in politics; but when the country was placed in peril his sympathies and his patriotism carried him over into the Republican fold, and there he has since remained; but he has taken no active part in politics. In local public spirit he has not



been lacking, especially in the work of educational advancement. He was largely responsible for the organization and establishment of the Little Falls Academy, and held the office of treasurer many years. In the introduction of gas-lighting in the village also he took a very prominent part, laying the foundation of the enterprise himself. Mr. Story married Sarah Morse, of Cherry Valley, who is deceased. Their children were five, as follows: James, Mary, both of whom died young; Sarah, married S. B. Neff, of Philadelphia; and Emily, married E. P. Janes, of New York.

Albert Story, son of A. G. Story, was born in Little Falls August 1, 1841. His education was obtained in the schools of his native village, at Stockbridge, Mass., and one year at Clinton, finishing when eighteen years of age. After leaving school and for a short time he was in the bank with his father, which he left in July, 1862, to take the post of quartermaster of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment New York Volunteers. At the end of a year ill health forced him to resign his commission, and he returned to Little Falls and accepted a clerkship in the Herkimer County Bank, where his father was then cashier. In 1867 he was promoted to the position of teller, which place he filled until 1888, when he was made cashier, and still occupies this responsible position. An active Republican in politics, Mr. Story has received evidence from his constituents that they placed confidence in his ability and faithfulness. He was elected village trustee in 1872, supervisor February 4, 1873, being then the first Republican supervisor elected in the town in twenty years; was elected county treasurer in 1878 and held the office two terms; and in March, 1892, was chosen president of the village. In these various positions of trust and responsibility Mr. Story has served with the utmost acceptance to his friends and demonstrated his possession of administrative qualifications of a high order. His long career in the bank has added to public confidence in its stability and in his capability as a financier. Mr. Story is a member of Emanuel Episcopal church, and is vestryman and treasurer. He was married June 21, 1876, to Mary Josephine Arnold, of Little Falls.

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### WILLIAM G. MILLIGAN.

The subject of this sketch is of Scotch ancestry. His father was William Kerr Milligan, a native of Glasgow, who came to this country about the year 1812. He served as clerk for William Alexander, the Little Falls pioneer and merchant, and son-in-law of John Porteous. (See preceding history of Little Falls.) He died in Little Falls in January, 1828, at the early age of thirty-four years, a few months after his return from a visit to his native land. He was a man of excellent business qualifications and character and principles above reproach. His wife was Mary Fergus, of Glasgow, a woman of marked characteristics, who died in Little Falls at the age of eighty-six years.

William Kerr and Mary Milligan had seven children, as follows: William G., Mary, Andrew, John, James, Henry, and David. Of these William G. is the only survivor. He was born at Little Falls January 30, 1817. He attended the district schools of his

native village after reaching a proper age, until he was six years old, when he was taken by his father to Scotland, to remain four years. While there he attended a high school in Glasgow, and after his return was in school in Little Falls until about fifteen years old. It was his father's request that he should become a practical mechanic, and he accordingly spent four years in learning the cabinet-maker's trade. As a journeyman workman he then traveled quite extensively in the south and west, working at various places on the way. With the natural thoroughness of his habits he had made himself an excellent workman, and was never without a place when he desired employment. Finally returning to Little Falls he married the daughter of William Girvan, Elizabeth Ann, and settled in the grocery trade, which he continued about eight years, his store being on Main street. After a year of idleness, Mr. Milligan made all preparations to join the grand concourse of gold-seekers to California. But at just that time the late Amos A. Bradley left the Herkimer County Bank, in which he had acted as teller, creating a vacancy, and Mr. Milligan abandoned his plans of going to California and entered the bank as bookkeeper. He filled this position four years, when he was promoted to the office of teller. In 1867 he was chosen cashier and filled that place until 1888, when he was elected president of the bank. This responsible office he still holds. In all these positions Mr. Milligan has not only given the highest satisfaction to patrons and stockholders of the bank, but has demonstrated his possession of business qualifications of a high order. Prudence, sagacity, sound judgment, and unwavering integrity—these are the marked characteristics which have distinguished his administration of the affairs of the bank; and at the present time, although far advanced in years, Mr. Milligan is active in body and mind, and gives the same devoted and constant attention to his duties that has been his custom during so many past years. No man in Little Falls has to a greater extent won the confidence and esteem of the community, while his geniality and courteous demeanor on all occasions have given him a wide circle of sincere and devoted friends.

Mr. Milligan's business capacity and integrity have conspired to throw into his care numerous estates, of which he acts as a careful custodian. He was treasurer of the Warrior Mower Company for many years, until its affairs were recently wound up; was treasurer of the Little Falls Knitting-Mill for a period, and is now treasurer of the Superior Furnace Company. He is one of the directors of the recently completed Little Falls and Dolgeville Railroad. A Republican in politics, Mr. Milligan has found little time to devote to that field of activity. He held the office of town clerk, and has received the nomination for supervisor, but in a Democratic community was defeated. In all the relations of life Mr. Milligan has exemplified an honorable citizenship. Mrs. Milligan died in 1855, leaving no children.

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### JOSIAH SHULL

Was born in the town of Danube, county of Herkimer, N. Y., January 5, 1820. His father was Jacob Sholl, son of Johan Jost Scholl, who came from the Palatinate, Germany, with his family when seventeen years of age and settled at Fort Herkimer in

1769. He was subsequently a farmer, miller and merchant at Iliacut, N. Y., and in 1810 he removed to the town of Danube.

Mr. Shull's mother was Anna Klock, daughter of George L. Klock and sister-in-law of Jacob G. Klock, who was colonel in command of the Second Battalion at the battle of Oriskany. Colonel Klock was judge of the Court of Common Pleas, member of Assembly in 1777 and State senator for the eight ensuing years. Johan Jost Scholl was also in the battle of Oriskany, ranking as ensign in Colonel Klock's command.

Mr. Shull was educated in the common schools of his native town and at the Herkimer and Fairfield Academies. He devoted himself to a course of mathematical studies, purposing to become an engineer and surveyor, which profession he subsequently practiced, in connection with other occupations, for forty-five years.

He married Sally Maria Stafford, daughter of Thomas Stafford, of Danube, January 26, 1843. Two children were born of their union, a daughter, Augusta, who married Peter H. Steele in 1863, and died in March, 1865; and a son, Winfield, who in 1866 married Libbie Benedict, daughter of Jasper M. Benedict and granddaughter of Thomas R. Benedict, of Ephratah, Fulton county. Winfield died in December, 1871, and his wife died in 1885. They left a daughter, Mabel, who in 1888 married Lincoln C. Ackler, of Iliion.

Mr. Shull has been variously occupied as a farmer, teacher and surveyor. In 1852 he removed to the village of Mohawk, and in 1867 purchased a farm on the westerly border of the village of Iliion. After the death of his son he retired from active farming and built a house on West Main street, Iliion, where he now resides. Mrs. Shull died December 21, 1891.

He was superintendent of common schools in the town of Danube, 1846-50; deputy clerk of the Assembly, 1860; member of Assembly, 1861, and deputy clerk of the Senate, 1864-5. In February, 1871, he was chosen corresponding secretary of the New York State Dairymen's Association and Little Falls Board of Trade, which position he held until 1877, when he was chosen secretary of the New York State Dairymen's Association, and continued to hold said office until 1891, when he was chosen president of the Association, which office he held for one year.

For the past twenty-five years Mr. Shull has been closely identified with many movements which had for their object the promotion of the agricultural interests of the State. In this connection he has been frequently called upon to deliver addresses upon agricultural topics before farmers' clubs, farmers' institutes, dairymen's associations and agricultural societies. In 1887 he organized the first dairy conference held on this continent.

At the Centennial Exposition of 1876 he was a member of the Committee of Managers for the exhibition of dairy products. He has taken an active part in arranging the details of the dairy exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition to be held at Chicago in 1893. In October, 1892, he was appointed manager and director in charge of the New York State Dairy Exhibit at the World's Fair, which position he now occupies. He also is president of the Central New York Farmers' Club.

Mr. Shull is a Free Mason, a Unitarian in religious belief, and in politics a Republican. In temperament and demeanor he is one of the most genial of men, and meets

the kindest and the kindest with the same innate reliability and contentedness. With a mind of judicial character, he has sought to enlarge his views upon all topics of importance in public affairs, and to form just and elevated ideas upon the problems of life by intelligent and extensive reading and observation. His career and habits of life have been founded upon principles of integrity and honorable intercourse with his fellow men, which constitute good citizenship.

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### FRANCIS E. SPINNER.

Francis Elias Spinner was born January 21, 1802, in the town of German Flats, at the parsonage (which was burned when he was but a week old) that stood near the center of the present village of Mohawk. His father, the Rev. John Peter Spinner, of Werbach, in the grand duchy of Baden, a highly educated Roman Catholic priest, at the age of thirty-three years became a Protestant, and married Maria Magdalena Fidelis Brument, of Lohr, in the kingdom of Bavaria, but whose ancestors were immigrants from Normandy, in France. He was an early pastor of the Herkimer and Fort Herkimer Reformed churches, as elsewhere recorded.

The subject of this notice was the oldest of nine children—six sons and three daughters—who all arrived at the age of majority. Francis chose to become a merchant, and for a whole year or more was employed as a clerk in the store of Maj. Michael M. Myers, a heavy dealer, who made his purchases himself in Europe. Major Myers, in 1817, failed. Thereupon the boy, at the age of sixteen, was bound out to Mr. Benne, a manufacturer and wholesale dealer in confectionery, in the city of Albany. His father, two years after, on ascertaining that the son was employed as a salesman and bookkeeper, had the indentures broken and put the young man to the trade of a saddle and harness-maker, with Mr. Francis Choate, of Amsterdam, N. Y. Here for a short time, and before he was of age, he, in partnership with Mr. David De Forest, carried on that business.

Up to his going to Albany the only instruction he received was from his father in the languages, and in reading, writing, arithmetic, and English grammar at the common schools in Herkimer. At Albany he had the good fortune to become acquainted with many men of culture, who took a great interest in his welfare, and had access to Col. Peter Gansevoort's library. While at Amsterdam he became a shareholder in the circulating library of that village, and while learning his trade he read through every book contained in the library. In 1824 he removed back to his native county, and, in copartnership with Maj. Alexander W. Hackley, a merchant, again started business at Herkimer. In 1829 he was appointed deputy sheriff, and had the sole charge of the sheriff's office and of the county prison during the shrievalties of the Hon. John Graves and of Col. Frederick P. Bellinger, after which, in 1834, he was himself elected sheriff of the county of Herkimer, thus having charge of that office for nine consecutive years. In the mean time he raised the "La Fayette Guards," and helped to organize the Twenty-sixth Regiment New York State artillery. He commenced as lieu-

tenant in 1825, and was elected to, and held, all the intermediate grades up to the rank of major-general of the third division of artillery, which latter office he resigned at the beginning of the year 1835, when he assumed the duties of the office of sheriff.

At the end of his term of the shrievalty he was appointed commissioner for building the State Lunatic Asylum at Utica. In the summer of 1839 he was invited by the directors of the Mohawk Valley Bank, an institution then being organized, to take the cashiership. He accepted this invitation and removed to the village of Mohawk, the place of his birth. Subsequently he was elected president of that institution. In 1845 he was invited by the Hon. Michael Hoffman, then the naval officer of the port of New York, to serve under him as his deputy and auditor. This invitation he accepted, and held these offices for over four years, without severing his official connection with the bank at Mohawk. Up to this time he had held various minor offices, as State inspector of turnpikes, commissioner of schools, supervisor, etc. In 1854 he was elected to represent the seventh district of New York, composed of the counties of Herkimer and St. Lawrence, in the Congress of the United States. During this Congress he was a member of the Committee on Elections that had the famous contested seat from Kansas committed to its charge. He served on various special committees, among which were the one to investigate the outrage on Senator Sumner, and that famous committee of conference that agreed to disagree on the army appropriation bill. On this committee, Messrs. Orr and Campbell, of the House, and Messrs. Douglas, Seward, and Tombs, of the Senate, were his associates. During the session of this Congress the Republican party was formed. To the next, the Thirty-fifth Congress, he was elected as a Republican by over nine thousand majority, and to the Thirty-sixth by a like majority. In the Thirty-fifth Congress he was placed on the Committee on Accounts. The Speaker, in a confidential interview, asked him to keep a strict watch over the actions of his Committee on Accounts, and also over the accounts of the disbursing officers of the House. Subsequent events proved that his fears were well grounded. In the Thirty-sixth Congress General Spinner was placed chairman of the Committee on Accounts. At the close of the last session of this Congress, in March, 1861, he was invited by Governor Chase, the then newly-appointed Secretary of the Treasury, to take the office of treasurer of the United States. His nomination to this place by President Lincoln was confirmed by the helping votes of loyal Democratic senators, among whom were Andrew Johnson, Stephen A. Douglas, and James W. Nesmith.

Mr. Spinner entered upon his duties as United States treasurer March 22, 1861, and was thenceforward found constantly at his post, keeping a strict eye upon the people's money. At the close of his service his praise was upon the lips of all the people, and they regretted to lose his services in this most responsible place. It seemed, too, like parting with an old friend; for, though his face may not be so familiar, no signature is as well known to the American people—not even that of John Hancock—as F. E. Spinner, written in those curious, bold letters, constituting the most unique feature of every greenback issued by the Government during his treasurer-ship. Of course an office like that of United States treasurer might open many avenues to gain, entirely apart from what are usually known as *pickings*, and which

most would regard as neither defensible or dishonest. But, avoiding the very appearance of evil, Mr. Spinner availed himself of none of these, and retired from his place with a good modest competence. His death took place December 31, 1890.

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## CHARLES BAILEY.

This well known citizen of Little Falls was born in Hanging Heaton, Yorkshire, England, in 1830. His father was a respectable maker of boots and shoes, and never came to America. The son was favored with very little opportunity to secure an education, and like many other boys of his class, was put at work in factories at the age of nine years. It was a woolen mill, and there he learned in three years to operate a power loom. He was faithful and industrious, and finally learned hand-loom weaving, and eventually had partial charge of a small cloth and woolen factory, where he remained until his twenty-seventh year. At that period he resolved to better his prospects in America, and accordingly immigrated, landing here in 1857. He had in the mean time married Ellen Senior and one child was born, Squire Bailey.

Mr. Bailey went to Little Falls and there found employment in setting Jacquard looms, for which work his long experience thoroughly fitted him. Afterwards he was employed as spinner in the Saxony Mills, then operated by S. B. Stitt. In 1862 he formed a copartnership with his brother-in-law, Jeremiah Mitchell, and they began a small business together in Little Falls. A year later they engaged in the manufacture of stocking yarn and knit goods in Oriskany, which they carried on until 1865, when their factory was burned. Returning to Little Falls the partners began the manufacture of shoddy, in which they continued until the organization of the Little Falls Knitting Company in 1872-3. This company originally comprised Titus Sheard, W. H. Robinson, Charles Bailey, Jeremiah Mitchell, J. J. Gilbert, Rodney Whitman, W. W. Whitman, W. M. Dorr, Edward McHenry, and Eugene Walrath. The incorporation of the company was effected with a capital stock of \$60,000 with the following officers: President, Titus Sheard; vice-president, Charles A. Gurvan; treasurer, J. J. Gilbert; secretary, D. H. Burrell; manager, Charles Bailey. With this organization Mr. Bailey has been identified since that time, and it is no disparagement to his associates to say that much of its success, especially in the practical part of the business, is due to his efforts. The present officers of the company are: Charles Bailey, president; J. J. Gilbert, vice-president; Elijah Reid, secretary and treasurer; Squire Bailey, superintendent; Thomas Bailey, salesman.

While Mr. Bailey is possessed of ample public spirit and always takes an active interest in public affairs, as far as they relate to the welfare of the community, he has not sought preferment through political or other influences. He is recognized as a man of sturdy common sense and sound judgment in all practical matters, but devoted to the business for the growth of which he is largely responsible. He is a director in the Superior Furnace Company, belongs to the Masonic Order, etc. His son, Squire Bailey, who was born in England, is a member of the Board of Village Trustees,



*Chas. Peckham*





and his son Thomas, born in Little Falls, is now county treasurer. These two sons, with Susie, Charles and Emma, who are deceased, were children of Mr. Bailey's first wife, who died in 1860. He married second, Ann C. Brooks, of Otsego county, by whom five children have been born, two of whom are deceased; the others are daughters, Jennie, Emma and Nellie.

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### HENRY DWIGHT ALEXANDER.

Among the early settlers in Herkimer county was Henry Augustus Alexander, the father of the subject of this sketch, who came from Connecticut, and after locating for a short time at Paris, Oneida county, removed to Winfield, in this county, where he cleared and improved a farm and reared his family. His ancestors were originally from Scotland. His wife was Elizabeth Gallup, of Connecticut, whose grandfather was settled in that State in 1710, and her father, Nathaniel Gallup, was a Revolutionary soldier. Henry Augustus died in 1856, and his wife, Mrs. Alexander, died in 1842. They had four children: Martha, who married Welcome Scott, of Bridgewater, and is deceased; Rachel, who married Dean Burgess, of Richfield, and afterwards of Winfield and Herkimer, and is deceased; Giles M., who married Eva Clapsaddle, of the town of Columbia, and is deceased; and the subject of this sketch, who was born in Winfield, Herkimer county, October 13, 1830. He was given an excellent education, considering his circumstances, his period in the district schools being supplemented by a course in the Clinton Liberal Institute, from which he graduated in 1849, when nineteen years old. After teaching school one winter, Mr. Alexander entered a country store, that preparatory school of so many of our excellent business men at Winfield, where he served faithfully as a clerk for two years. In 1852 he went to Ilion and began a period of three years' service as teller in the Ilion Bank, and was then called to the same position in the Oneida County Bank at Utica, where he remained continuously for twelve years. In 1857 he was married to Martha Kirkland, of Ilion, N. Y. While at Utica his reputation as a careful, faithful employee, and as one whose experience amply qualified him for the most responsible position as a banker had become somewhat widely known, and especially so in Central New York. The National Mohawk Valley Bank was at that time in need of a careful and prudent business manager, and Mr. Alexander was called to fill the office of cashier. The bank had no surplus and it became necessary to pass several dividends; but from the time when he accepted the chief executive office of the institution its affairs began to prosper, and it finally became a profitable and trusted bank, and has now a surplus of about \$40,000. For a quarter of a century Mr. Alexander has given almost constant attention to the affairs of this institution, watching its every detail with zealous care, winning for himself the confidence and esteem of his associates, and sharing in the satisfaction resulting from the merited success of the bank. The first bank building, erected in 1849, was displaced in 1891 by the present handsome and substantial edifice, costing about \$10,000, which is devoted solely to the banking business. It was erected largely under direction of Mr. Alexander, and is a model of convenience and beauty.

The confidence of the community in Mr. Alexander found expression in 1873 by his selection for the office of secretary for the Mohawk and Ilion Street Railway, and in 1887 he was chosen president of the Mohawk and Herkimer Street Railroad. He was one of the original promoters of the knit goods industry in Mohawk, and is president and treasurer of the Mohawk Valley Knitting-Mills, Limited, of Mohawk, and treasurer of the Knitting Company of Mohawk, Limited. Outside of business relations, he held the office of treasurer of the village of Mohawk, and was its president three years. He was also president of the Board of Education six years. It is, perhaps, superfluous to add that in these several honorable and responsible positions, he has demonstrated his possession of the sterling qualities of sound judgment, sagacity, prudence and public spirit that must be the attributes of the progressive and respected citizen.

Mr. Alexander is a Democrat in politics, but would never accept candidacy for any public office. He is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church of Mohawk, the organization and support of which are largely due to his efforts. He has no children.

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### ALEXANDER H. BUELL.

Roswell Buell, a native of Killingworth, Conn., came to Herkimer county at an early day and located on the site of Fairfield village. In 1795 he married Sarah Griswold, a daughter of Daniel Griswold, also a native of Killingworth, who settled at Fairfield about the year 1790. About the year 1800 Roswell Buell opened a store in Fairfield and continued mercantile business for some years. He was distinguished for his enterprise and benevolence. He donated an acre of land to the trustees of the Fairfield Academy in 1802, on which the first academic edifice was erected. In the midst of an active and useful life he fell a victim to the prevailing epidemic in the winter of 1812-13, at the age of forty years. His affairs were somewhat involved by this sudden event, and after the settlement of his estate was effected, only a small patrimony was left to the surviving members of his family. The subject of this sketch was a son of Roswell Buell and was born on the 14th of July, 1801. The following brief biography is taken from Mr. Benton's History of Herkimer County and was from his personal pen:

The loss so early in life of the counsel and sustaining aid of a father, when both were so much needed, was no doubt viewed by young Buell as a severe calamity. He soon seemed to appreciate the circumstances which surrounded him, and was fully impressed with the idea that he must be the artificer of his own fame and fortune; that success could only be looked for through his own exertions. The position in which he was placed had great influence in moulding his character and developing those traits which led to his subsequent success in life as a merchant. His opportunities for an accomplished academic education were somewhat limited by his engagements as a clerk in the store of Mr. Stephen Hallett, then one of the principal business men at Fairfield. His time at school was however well employed, and he sought to make up by diligence

and studious application during his leisure hours, what he lost while engaged in the store of his employer.

A marked feature of young Buell's character is developed in the following facts: During the first three years of his employment with Mr. Hallett, and he commenced at the age of fourteen, he was diligent and attentive as a clerk in the store, supporting himself by his own exertions, and at the same time superintending the affairs of his widowed mother with all the efficiency of a man of matured years, and with a kindness and solicitude that carried with it a sweet and soothing solace. Nor was this all; his sisters, orphaned like himself, were not unfrequent recipients of presents from the surplus of his earnings. He had become so accomplished in business, several years before he reached his majority, that he was repeatedly sent by his employer to the city of New York to purchase goods to replenish his store.

Mr. Buell, at the age of twenty-one, became a partner in business with his former employer, and at Mr Hallett's death, assumed the sole proprietorship of the business at Fairfield. He subsequently, in connection with different individuals, extended his mercantile business into the neighboring towns and villages in the county; afterwards, giving scope to a clear and comprehensive mind, and the exertion of an excellent business talent, his commercial operations were extended to counties in this State remote from his native home; and he did not finally stop until he reached the distant shores of the Pacific Ocean; even California was not neglected by the accomplished and successful Fairfield merchant. I am not aware that Mr. Buell ever thought of removing to New York, where fortunes are so rapidly made and marred in commercial pursuits. He was several time gratified and honored by the confidence of his townsmen, in electing him to local offices of trust and confidence. He was a member of the Assembly from this county in 1845. This, I believe was his first appearance at Albany as a legislator. He was placed at the head of the important committee on banks and insurance companies, in a house in no respect destitute of men of talents. Although it is not usual to select the chairman of the leading committee from new members, the appointment in this instance was judicious, and the compliment well deserved. In this new and untried position, Mr. Buell sustained himself in every respect to the satisfaction of the house and his friends. An ardent politician of the Herkimer school, and I use this term because our neighbors in other counties charge us with being "of the strictest sect," it was his duty and his pleasure to square his official conduct to suit the feelings and opinions of his constituents.

Mr. Buell was chosen member of the Thirty-second Congress from the Seventeenth Congressional District, composed of Herkimer and Montgomery counties, at the November election, 1850. His competitor was a personal friend, and then the member from the district, Henry P. Alexander. The canvass was briskly conducted and adroitly managed by the contestants and their friends. The district was one in which there could not be much doubt when the whole vote was polled and party lines strictly drawn as "in olden time." He was married to Miss Harriet E. Gruman, of Clinton, Oneida county, November 9, 1840. Before taking his seat in the Congress, to which he had been elected, Mr. Buell closed his connection with most of the mercantile establishments in which he had been interested, over which he could not well ex-

ercise a personal supervision. He won and enjoyed the confidence and regard not only of the business community, but of his political friends and associates. By his industry, application and unwearied exertions he accumulated a fortune, enough to satisfy the reasonable desires of an ambitious man a little removed from the commercial and financial emporiums of our State, where a few men are counted rich who are rated under a million of dollars, where comparisons serve only to stimulate to hazardous experiments and even wild and imaginary speculations. He must, of course, have been punctual in all his pecuniary engagements and prompt in all his other business relations. His surviving townsmen have cause to remember him for his public spirit, and the worthy recipients of charity never solicited his aid in vain.

Mr. Buell died at Washington city on the 31st of January, 1853, after a brief and painful illness, in the fifty-second year of his age. The House of Representatives passed the usual resolution of condolence; and while a monument in the Congressional burying ground commemorates his official connection with that eminent body of American statesmen and his death, his mortal remains, distinguished by a suitable memorial, have found a final resting place in the grounds of Trinity church, Fairfield. His wife and three children survived him.

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### WILLIAM F. LANSING.

It was not long after the Pilgrims planted their resolute colony at Plymouth, and before the little settlement of Holland Dutch had made much progress near the headwaters of the Hudson river, that the first immigrant ancestor of William F. Lansing, who was a Hollander, came over and settled at Albany. His name was Gerrit Lansing, and the year of his arrival in America was 1630. The line of descent from him to the father of William F., is as follows: Gerrit 1, Gerrit 2, Jacob 3, Gerrit Jacob 4, Sanders 5, Abraham Ten Eyck 6, Samuel Stewart 7, who was the father of the subject.

Sanders Lansing, the great-grandfather of William F., was the first of the family to settle in what is now Herkimer county. He was born June 17, 1766, and his father's family became a distinguished one. His brother John was chief justice of the Supreme Court, chancellor, etc. Sanders Lansing married a daughter of Abraham Ten Eyck. He was a distinguished lawyer and was appointed register in chancery upon the promotion of his brother. He came to Little Falls in 1820, and had charge of several land agencies and in 1821 was appointed judge, which office he held until after 1828, the date of his last appointment. He was a man of lofty character and exceptional ability. His death occurred in the town of Manheim September 19, 1850.

Abraham Ten Eyck Lansing, son of Sanders and grandfather of William F., was a prosperous merchant of Albany previous to his removal to Herkimer county. The family homestead was made a few miles below Little Falls, in the town of Manheim, where the settlement was made in 1827, and where Abraham Ten Eyck Lansing died. His children were Samuel Stewart Lansing (father of the subject), Dr. Edward San-



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ders Lansing, now of New Jersey, Congressman Frederick Lansing, of Watertown, N. Y. Samuel Stewart Lansing was born at Waterford, N. Y., at the residence of his grandfather, Gen. Samuel Stewart, December 12, 1823, and was brought to Herkimer county when three years old, to live with his grandfather. On the 26th of October, 1854, he was married to Catharine Fox, a daughter of Capt. Jacob Eacker Fox, of the town of Danube. Her grandmother was a daughter of Judge Jacob Eacker, of Revolutionary fame. It was Capt. George J. Eacker, a son of Judge Jacob, who fought a duel with Philip Hamilton, son of Alexander Hamilton, and slew him, on account of an insult relating to a Fourth of July oration delivered by Eacker, upon the invitation of the mayor and common council of the city of New York. Samuel Stewart Lansing died in the ancestral brick residence in Little Falls, built by Sanders Lansing, on the 17th of July, 1891. This building is among the oldest in Little Falls, has always been in possession of the family, and is still occupied by the widow of Samuel Stewart Lansing and her son, the subject of this sketch. The children of Samuel Stewart and Catharine (Fox) Lansing were Jacob Fox Lansing, who died at eleven years of age; Edward Ten Eyck Lansing, now a resident of Little Falls, and William F. The latter was born in the town of Manheim, Herkimer county, N. Y., on the 29th of July, 1856. After attendance in the district school until he was twelve years old, he studied four years in the Little Falls Academy and followed this with two years in a preparatory school connected with Union College in Schenectady and graduated from the latter with the degree of A. B. in 1878. During his senior year he studied law and after graduation pursued the same study with Hon. Austin A. Yates, of Schenectady. In 1879 he entered the law office of Judge Rollin H. Smith, of Little Falls. In the spring of 1880 he was the recipient of the degree of LL.B. from Hamilton College and in 1881 of the degree of A. M. from Union College. He was admitted to the bar at general term in the spring of 1880. In the fall of the same year he went to New York city and for two years was associated with Treadwell Cleveland, of the firm of Evarts, Southmayd & Choate, of 52 Wall street. In the year 1883 his somewhat adventurous temperament led him to Colorado where he spent two years in stock raising. Returning to Little Falls he opened a law office and practiced two years to the spring of 1886, when he joined with Edwin J. Nelson in the knit goods industry at Middleville, Herkimer county. The cares of the estate of his grandfather and father now devolved upon him and demanded his return to Little Falls and the devotion of a large share of his time. The partnership at Middleville was accordingly dissolved on the 1st of October, 1890. In 1891 he organized the Little Falls Electric Light and Power Company and has since that time filled the position of secretary, treasurer and manager.

Such is a concise record of the professional and business career of Mr. Lansing. It is proper to state that in its various connections and relations he has maintained the reputation for intelligence, industry and integrity which constitutes useful and honorable citizenship. Still a young man, he occupies a station of importance in the business and social life of Little Falls. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, not from selfish ambition, for he has always declined proffered preferment in the political field, though active in the success of the Democratic party, of which he is a member. He has evinced a deep interest in military matters and believes that the

regular soldiery of the State and nation should in some degree represent their greatness and honor. From January 1st to September 12, 1888, he acted as colonel and aid on the staff of Gov. David B. Hill, and was promoted from that post to brigadier-general and quartermaster-general of the State; he retired from this honorable office on the 1st of January, 1892. Mr. Lansing is prominently connected with social life in the metropolis of the State and is a member of the Elks, the Reform club, and of the United Service Club of New York city. A position in which he feels a natural pride is his membership in the Sons of the American Revolution of the State and of the United States, for which he was able to qualify through the long line of ancestors above described, as well as through eight other male ancestors in the direct lines, who were prominent in the great struggle for American Independence. A man of unusually pleasing address, alive to all of the important projects and events of the day, and possessed of broad and intelligent information upon public affairs of interest, General Lansing enjoys the esteem and friendship of the community in which he lives.

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### ISAAC SMALL.

Among the early immigrants to this country from Germany, who settled in the central part of the State of New York, was Jacob Small. He located in the town of Herkimer and bore a conspicuous part in the early trials of the settlers in the Mohawk valley through the savage warfare of the Indians and the perfidy of the tories. Mr. Small joined the Revolutionary army, rose to the rank of captain, and finally met a sad death a few days after the declaration of peace, and after his return to his home. Parties of prowling Indians lingered in the valley and committed depredations after the war was officially closed, and one of these came upon Mr. Small near his home and deliberately shot him. The tragic incident is one of the saddest recorded and constitutes a memorable part of the long struggle for freedom in America, as it was related to this vicinity.

Among the children of Jacob Small was a son who was also named Jacob, who was born in Herkimer. He married Hannah Potter, daughter of William Potter. He was a farmer and died in that town at an advanced age. Mr. Small was the father of eight children, as follows: Jacob, William, John, Isaac, Eli, Cynthia, Daniel and Darius. Of these all are dead excepting Darius, and Isaac, the subject of this sketch.

Isaac Small was born in the town of Herkimer on the 11th of November, 1805. After attending the district school and working on his father's farm, he began clerking for James Byers, who was one of the early merchants of Herkimer village. He remained in that store one year and then began business for himself as a country merchant. For fourteen years he successfully conducted a store, when he formed a partnership with his brother William and Ezekiel H. Williams and invested his accumulated capital with them in the wholesale grocery trade at 52 Front street, New York city. The firm was a strong one and in its successful conduct the excellent business habits and knowledge of Isaac Small were a powerful factor. Especially was this true of



the management of the finances of the firm and in that sagacity which enabled him to foresee the proper course to follow in large transactions. The business was continued with increasing and gratifying success for six years, when the firm was dissolved and Mr. Small returned to Little Falls and purchased a dry goods store; but wisely concluding that the competency already acquired by him was sufficient for the future, he retired from active business (1850) after one year, and has since that time given such attention as he has been able to the management of his private affairs and the direction of some speculations in which he was engaged. A painful rheumatic disease has for many years kept him confined to his home a large share of the time; but he bears this deprivation with that cheerful philosophy which is a part of his nature. In Little Falls Mr. Small is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. He was the chief organizer of the Little Falls National Bank and has since been one of its directors. A Democrat in politics, he has never accepted office other than to serve as trustee of the village. Genial and courteous in his intercourse with others, possessed of a kind heart and sympathetic nature, Mr. Small passes his declining years in the secure enjoyment of the friendship of a large circle and the respect of the whole community. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and active in promoting its welfare. He was married in 1828 to Susan Knapp, of Utica. She died in March, 1873. They have had six children—Hannah, married Luke Usher, president of the National Bank of Potsdam, N. Y.; George, deceased young; Ella, died young; Evalyn, married Capt. L. A. Beardsley, of the U. S. Navy, and living in South Carolina; and Frederick I. Small, a successful attorney of Little Falls; Louise, died in 1876.

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### PHILO REMINGTON.

The story of the inception and development of the great industries founded in Ilion by Eliphalet Remington and perpetuated by his sons, Philo, Samuel, and Eliphalet, jr., has been told in detail in the preceding history of the village of Ilion. On that account this sketch of Philo Remington may be principally confined to his personal life. He was born on the 31st of October, 1816, and died on the 4th of April, 1889, at Silver Springs, Florida, whither he had gone in quest of better health.

Philo Remington's business career was intimately associated with the manufacture of fire arms, sewing machines and agricultural implements by the famous firm of which he was a moving spirit and in many respects the head. Founded by his father on his home farm a few miles south of the site of the village, the industry grew apace between the years 1817 and 1830, when it was removed to Ilion where the elder Remington had purchased a large tract of land of John A. Clapsaddle. The settlement then comprised only seven dwellings, two storehouses and a school-house. The little hamlet took the name of "Remington's Corners," which was afterwards changed, as related in the history of Ilion village in this work. The business grew in its new location and in 1861, Eliphalet Remington died leaving as a heritage a good name and a well-established industry. From that time until 1865 few great industries in this

country were more prosperous or attracted more extended attention than that of the Remingtons in Ilion. In the year last mentioned the works were incorporated, with Philo Remington as president; Samuel Remington, vice-president, and Eliphalet Remington, secretary and treasurer. The business was marvellously successful for many years, and embraced the establishment of the manufacture of agricultural implements, sewing machines and finally of typewriters, all of which industries are still in existence and a great source of growth and prosperity in Ilion, but all in other hands than those of the men who built them up. It was in the year 1866 that the combination of circumstances and conditions which has been explained, brought down the great house in financial disaster.

During all of this varied career—in the development and final height of prosperity, as well as in the days of adversity which followed,—Philo Remington remained the same unostentatious, gentle-mannered, unselfish, honorable Christian man that he had always been. For nearly fifty years he was a conspicuous figure in Ilion through his connection with the great industry, but in all that time he never acted or spoke in any manner to aggrandize himself, or to gain fame or authority, or wealth. His modesty was proverbial, and equaled only by his unselfishness. His thoughts while the great factories were being built and equipped were given fully as much to the benefits likely to be conferred upon thousands of needy workmen, as to what would possibly accrue therefrom to himself and his brothers. While his business sagacity was unquestioned and his prudence and wisdom remarkable, these attributes were so tempered by kindness, gentleness and unselfishness, that his character was made a remarkable one thereby.

In politics Mr Remington was a Republican, but he had a decided distaste for active partisan methods and never sought or accepted public office. If it can be said that a man of his temperament had a hobby, it was the advancement of the temperance cause. It was his most earnest desire that the village of Ilion should be practically free from the vice of intemperance, and that the cause at large should be promoted. To this end he gave much time and liberal means. And so gentle and forbearing was his nature that he could throw his influence strongly against such an evil and make less of enmity than most reformers. He was emphatically the friend of humanity and ever in full sympathy with the oppressed and suffering.

A memorial service was held in the opera house at Ilion a few days after his death, which was largely attended, a part of the exercises consisting of the preparation and reading of a series of resolutions eulogistic of the deceased, as follows:

Whereas, by the death of our esteemed citizen, Philo Remington, the village of Ilion has lost a wise counselor and a life-long friend; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the citizens of this place, by these resolutions bear a fitting testimony to the high and noble character of the deceased.

Resolved, that his consistent and exemplary Christian deportment and philanthropic nature; his generous, humane and democratic spirit towards the people with whom he lived as a citizen; that the marked desire for justice which controlled his actions in the distinguished and responsible duties he was called upon, by circumstances and by the expressions of his fellow citizens, to perform; and that his manly qualities have endeared him to the people of this place, and be it further,

Resolved, that we recognize his eminent and sincere services as a leader in the industry and prosperity of this village, for to him more than others is its thrift due.

Mr. Remington was an active and honored member of the Methodist church, and the official board met and adopted a series of resolutions expressing their estimate of Mr. Remington's character and their appreciation of his Christian work. From these resolutions it is fitting to make the following extract :

"That while we make record of our sense of personal loss in the death of our brother, and would fain mingle our tears and our sorrows with those of his immediate family and friends, we yet counsel for ourselves an humble recognition of the Divine Father who thus with severe stroke and in love and for wise purposes adds another to the countless hosts composing the church triumphant above. That we do but voice the general sentiment of the membership of our large society in making recognition of Brother Remington as one of the earliest adherents of the Ilion church; one who aided in its planting and cultivated it in its growth; who, as president of the board of trustees for many years, and in other relations as well, not only devised broad plans and gave wise counsel for the help of his associates year by year, but who in seasons of emergency was ever ready to assume the heaviest burdens of personal labor and to make the largest contributions to the general good. That, while in memory we shall henceforth think of Brother Remington as a central figure among us for many years, passing and repassing before our eyes with quiet step and modest demeanor; as a man of kindly, sympathetic and generous nature; a man who long commanded the deference of a leader in every line of educational, moral and religious improvement, by reason of the quiet forces of his own nature, rather than by an aggressive, ostentatious exercise of power; a man not without faults, but whose virtues shone more brightly because multiplied and strengthened and illumined by Christian faith, and hope and love; while in retrospect we shall revere his memory for these things, we shall yet turn our eyes with chastened gaze and see in him a good man gone to his rest, a faithful Christian pilgrim at the end of his toilsome journey, a redeemed soul at the gates of the eternal city listening to the rapturous welcome, "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In the year 1841 Mr. Remington married Caroline A. Lathrop, of Syracuse. Their children are Ida R., now wife of W. C. Squire; and Ella, wife of H. C. Furman, of New York city.

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### ELIPHALET REMINGTON

(Who has been mentioned as a son of the elder Eliphalet Remington), was born in the town of Litchfield November 12, 1828. After receiving a moderate education he early became interested in the new work established by his father. In the up-building of that great industry he was an important factor, as above recounted, the growth of which is fully described in the history of the village of Ilion in earlier pages of this work. Mr. Remington was connected with the works founded by his father until 1886, and is still a resident of Ilion. In 1854 Mr. Remington was married to Miss Catherine M. Stevens; they have had three children, as follows: Philo, now a resident of Ilion;

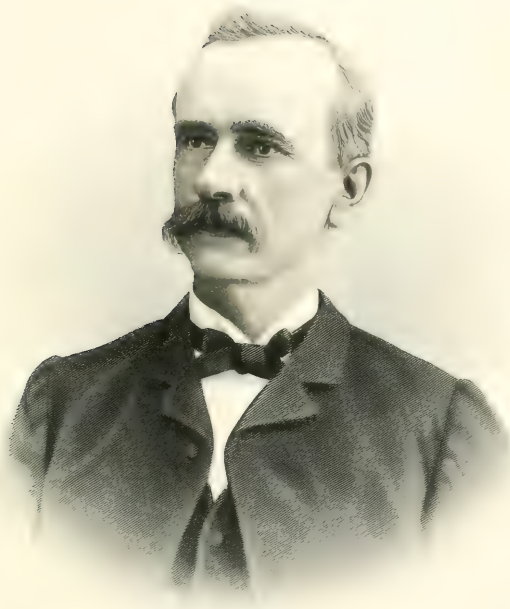
Mrs. W. J. Calder, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Mrs. T. E. Patterson, of Philadelphia. In personal character Mr. Remington is a man of the purest principles in the broadest sense of the term. His integrity has never been questioned, while his innate kindness of heart and his broad and unostentatious charity are acknowledged by all who have the pleasure of his friendship.

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### WILLIAM K. JENNE

Was born in Lenox, Mass., on the 14th of January, 1837. He is a son of Siloam S. Jenne, who was a native of Grantham, N. H., where he was born July 26, 1809. Tracing the ancestors of this family farther back we find that the father of Siloam S. Jenne was Thomas Jenne, who was born in New Bedford, Mass., January 11, 1773, that his father was James, who was also born in New Bedford on the 14th of August, 1744, and that his father was Isaac, who was of Welsh parentage and came to this country from England or Wales somewhere about 1720. Siloam S. Jenne died in Pittsfield, Mass., March 1, 1892. His wife was Amelia P. Root, and their marriage took place November 26, 1829. She died at Lenox, Mass., January 27, 1892. They had four children, as follows: A daughter, who died in infancy; Mary A., married Albert Rideout, of Lee, Mass., and now living in Holyoke, Mass.; William K., and Frances, who died unmarried. Siloam S. Jenne was an ingenious and versatile mechanic. He spent a few of his early years as a school teacher, and afterwards worked at various times as a carpenter and builder, millwright, a wagonmaker and in the manufacture of special machinery. In the latter capacity he assisted Prof. Lyman in making a sixteen-foot telescope; he also built a set of machinery for a bookbinding establishment which contained special devices of his own invention, among them being one of the earliest machines for cutting out and making envelopes. As a wagonmaker he also used several labor-saving machines of his own invention and manufacture.

William K. Jenne secured his education in the common schools, after which he spent a year or two on a farm; but he was born with a strong predilection for mechanics and entered a machine shop for the purpose of learning that trade, where he continued three years; this was in Lee, Mass. He advanced rapidly and laid the foundation of the rare mechanical skill which became of so much importance to him in after years. He continued for a time working at his trade in Massachusetts, finally in the employment of Plaisted & Whitehouse, of Holyoke. In 1861 that firm secured a large contract with the Remingtons, for the manufacture of certain parts of fire arms, and Mr. Jenne was sent on to Ilion as a skilled mechanic for the manufacture of the fine and accurate tools necessary in the business. He remained with that firm until they fulfilled their contract, when Mr. Jenne was promoted virtually to the position before occupied by them, and was given a contract for the manufacture of the Eliot pistol. Long before this time he had become known in the great works as a mechanic of unusual skill and possessed of inventive talent of a high order. Before the time when the sale of the Eliot pistol declined, Thomas Halligan brought to the Remingtons his invention of a sewing machine for heavy work on leather and using a waxed thread. The



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Remingtons made arrangements to aid him in perfecting his device and placing it in process of manufacture, and delegated Mr. Jenne to work with Mr. Halligan on the machine. Before it was fully completed Mr. Halligan was killed by the cars and work on the machine was perforce brought to a close; but it proved to be the opening wedge for the establishment by the Remingtons of sewing machine manufacture, which later became a very important part of their great industry. In the development of the Remington sewing machine and in the later execution of a considerable amount of contract work in that department, Mr. Jenne was prominent. While thus engaged in 1873, and under the superintendency of J. M. Clough, James Densmore and G. W. N. Yost brought to the Remingtons the first crude type writer to negotiate for its manufacture. This event opened a new field in mechanical work in which Mr. Jenne has ever since found congenial and profitable employment, and which called forth his highest qualifications as a workman and inventor. To those who are conversant with the subject, it is known that the task of developing and perfecting the typewriter until it would meet the exacting requirements of a perfect writing machine was one full of perplexing disappointments, trials of new devices, overcoming apparently impossible mechanical problems, and the invention of new appliances to accomplish certain ends. In all of this work Mr. Jenne has been the moving spirit and it is not too much to say at this time that he has been more largely instrumental in making the Remington typewriter what it is to-day than any other person. The first machine was constructed by Mr. Jenne and Mr. Clough together, and from that one two others were built as samples; on these Mr. Jenne did most of the work, and they were pronounced satisfactory; but Mr. Jenne made still another one embracing various improvements and from that one some 1,500 or 2,000 were built and placed on the market. Since that time the changes in the machine have been constant and numerous, and Mr. Jenne has been in charge of their manufacture and substantially dictated as to what should and what should not be done in reference to their construction.

Mr. Jenne was married in 1859 to Mary McSherry, of Lee, Mass. They have had four children, as follows: Willis P., born in Lee August 9, 1860, lives as a bachelor in Ilion; Elmer E., born in Ilion September 23, 1863, resides in Ilion; Eva Alice, born November 15, 1865, died December 7, 1872; George D., born October 13, 1873, lives with his parents.

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### FREDERICK HORTON PHILLIPS

Was born in Little Falls June 15, 1836. He was a son of John Phillips, who was a native of England, born October 15, 1786, and came to America when young with his father, Richard Phillips, who settled in Little Falls in 1788, where the family have lived since that time. John Phillips married Fanny Hoag, a native of Bennington, Vt., who was born August 12, 1791. They settled in Little Falls early in the present century and there all of their children were born, as follows: Sarah Ann, born December 3, 1809, deceased; Sophia, born September 29, 1811, deceased; Mary A., born July 18, 1814, deceased; Abigail, born April 9, 1816, living; John S., born May 10, 1818, deceased; Rich-

ard J., born August 28, 1821, deceased; Charles P., born March 5, 1824, living in Syracuse, N. Y.; William P., born July 28, 1826, deceased; and Frederick H., the subject of this sketch. His life was an uneventful one, but one of great usefulness and honor. Leaving school at the age of twelve years, a few years after the opening of the railroad through Little Falls, he was selected by A. W. Andrews, who had been sent there to act as stationmaster and telegraph operator, for his assistant. He readily took up the art, and was the first person in Little Falls to learn how to transmit the Morse's signals by telegraph. The young man gave his best energies to his business and with the usual results, for he was regularly promoted through the various stages of railroad employment until he reached that of superintendent under Major Z. C. Priest. In this responsible position he fully met the requirements of his superiors and was ever found faithful to his trusts. Mr. Phillips was wholly devoted to the duties of his life-work, and for that reason gave little attention to public affairs; but by his manly qualities, his integrity and his faithfulness to all of his obligations, he won the friendship and regard of his fellow citizens. His death occurred in Little Falls on the 7th of July, 1890.

Mr. Phillips married, on the 6th of October, 1869, Amanda Ackerman, of Little Falls, a daughter of Nicholas Ackerman; she still survives. They have one son, Fred C. Phillips, born August 28, 1870, and now living in Little Falls.

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### C. C. WITHERSTINE

Was born in Steuben, Oneida county, on April 13, 1832. At an early age he began learning the printing trade in the office of the old *Herkimer County Journal* at Herkimer. In the year 1850 he acquired an interest in the establishment, and for nearly forty years was connected with the *Herkimer Democrat* as proprietor and editor. Democratic in politics, he, during that long period, made his paper an organ of powerful influence in the central part of the State, and occupied himself a prominent position in the councils of that party. Although living in a county that has been uniformly Republican in its political complexion, Mr. Witherstine has been honored with public office by his constituents. He held the office of supervisor of the town several terms, and in 1854 was elected county treasurer, holding the office one term. His acquaintance throughout the county is very extensive, and he everywhere enjoys the respect and confidence of the people. At the present time (1892) he is one of the loan commissioners of the State. A writer of acknowledged ability, genial and courteous to all, and public-spirited in all matters connected with the welfare of the community, he has made a record of citizenship that is in every way honorable.

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### ALFRED DOLGE

Was born in Chemnitz, Saxony, December 22, 1848. He was educated in the public schools of Leipsic, and at the age of thirteen became apprenticed to his father, a well known piano-maker. At seventeen he left home and sailed for New York, where,



after many hardships and vicissitudes, he established himself as an importer of the various materials used in piano manufacture, and in the course of time became recognized as the head of this business in this country. Being of an enterprising disposition and thoroughly American in spirit, Mr. Dolge determined to start the domestic manufacture of felt, for which our piano manufacturers were entirely dependent upon a foreign market. His first ventures were made in Brooklyn, N. Y., after which he removed to Herkimer county (Brockett's Bridge, which name was, by unanimous consent of the inhabitants, later changed to Dolgeville). Mr. Dolge not only made the manufacture of felt a positive success, but his particular brand became known as the finest in the world, and at the Exhibitions of Vienna, Paris and Philadelphia obtained the highest award over all competition. In 1883 he established another entirely new industry, that of the manufacture of felt shoes, which has made his name a household word all over the United States. In developing these various industries extensive automatic machines have been invented and built in his own machine shops, and Mr. Dolge was honored by a request from the Patent Department at Washington to send his models to Chicago to form part of the Government Patent Exhibit at the World's Fair as "marking a distinct advance in the art of felt manufacture." But it is in the almost phenomenal building up of the town that bears his name that Mr. Dolge most deserves public attention. Within sixteen years he has transformed a forlorn little hamlet of one hundred persons in the backwoods of the Adirondacks and eight miles from a railroad, into a prosperous and thriving village of over two thousand inhabitants, with the best free public schools in the center of the State, where manual training, foreign languages, music and domestic economy are taught in addition to the usual school courses, with large felt mills, saw and lumber mills, a cloth factory, a large piano factory, wire factory, musical instrument factory, an illustrated weekly paper (with a circulation of over 10,000 a week) and other enterprises; with two churches, five hotels, excellent stores of all kinds, club house, large free library and a public park, which includes a magnificent water-fall, and extends over four hundred acres. The town is lighted by electricity and its sanitary condition is excellent. A railroad from Little Falls to Dolgeville has just been completed, giving it by means of the New York Central and West Shore roads direct communication with all the great commercial centers. Mr. Dolge has also attracted a large share of public attention by his system of "earning sharing" with his employees. Under this system, which includes pensions, free life insurance, endowment, etc., he has already paid out to his work people, or on their account, over a quarter of a million dollars.

The future of Dolgeville is assured by reason of the enterprising and public spirit of the inhabitants, the diversity of its industries, its water-fall of 5,000-horse power, its Adirondack location for manufacturing purposes and its wonderfully healthful and picturesque surroundings.

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### ABRAM B. STEELE.

The ancestry of the subject of this biography was English on his father's side, and German on his mother's. His father was George C. Steele, a native of Franklin county, Ohio, and a farmer by occupation. He married Rebecca Fisher, a native also of Frank,

lin county, Ohio. The family removed to what is now Rochelle, Ogle county, Ill., in 1839, where most of their children were born. While not a public man in any sense, George C. Steele has led a life of respectability in the community where he still resides in the enjoyment of the esteem of his fellow-citizens. He is the father of nine children, viz.: Frances, born October 10, 1840; married first Orrin Millett, and after his death, Allen Thorp and now (1892) a resident of Washington county, Kans. Calvin F., born August 8, 1842, and a resident of Fairbury, Nebr. Hannah M., born November 12, 1848, married Osborn Randall and living at Flagg, Ill. Phoebe A., born July 3, 1851, and died in 1867. William Oscar, born November 16, 1854, and died in infancy. Alice J., born August 8, 1857, married Fred Randall and is now living in Kansas. Minnie, born January 17, 1860, and married E. L. Orput January 17, 1878, died at Rochelle, Ill., in 1887. George W., born November 30, 1862, married Phoebe Pierce, and living in Flagg, Ill. Abram B., the subject, born in what is now Columbus, Ohio, January 10, 1845, while his parents were on a visit to that place.

The circumstances surrounding the early life of Abram B. Steele on the wild western prairies of Illinois were not especially propitious, although he was given opportunity to obtain an excellent education. His father began life under adverse circumstances and without much means. In seeking his western home in Illinois, he drove across the site of the present city of Chicago, where his team became hopelessly mired, and he was offered forty acres of land in what is now the heart of the great city, for his horses and wagon. His reply was, that he had started westward in quest of land that would have some value; he spoke solely from the standpoint of the agriculturist. With a large family to rear, he succeeded in enabling them to reach manhood and womanhood equipped at least as well as he had been, for the responsibilities of life. In the common schools near his father's home, Abram B. Steele laid the foundation of his education, and followed this with a course at the seminary in Rochelle, Ill., and a two year's scientific course in Wheaton College, finishing in 1866. He had long previous to that date resolved to make the legal profession his life-work and in order to obtain means for the prosecution of his legal study, he taught school at Rochelle nine months and followed this with a few months as principal of the school at Ashton, Ill. As a teacher he was successful and doubtless might have attained an honorable station among the leading educators, but his sole ambition was to become a lawyer, although in this he was opposed by his parents as they desired him to become a doctor or a minister rather than a lawyer. At the close of his period as a teacher (April 8, 1867), he came to Frankfort, Herkimer county, N. Y., and entered the law office of his cousin, J. A. Steele, as a student, and acted as chore boy to pay his expenses while studying. It is a somewhat remarkable fact, and a clear indication of his industry and great capacity for work, that in just one year from that time he passed his examination and was admitted to the bar in Syracuse, N. Y., and this without ever having read a page of law before he began his study in this office, and in the class for examination with sixteen applicants, six of whom were rejected, and all of them had studied over two years. A month after his admission he formed a copartnership with his cousin in Frankfort under the firm name of J. A. & A. B. Steele. After a year's practice in Frankfort, the firm determined to seek a broader field of business and with that object in view A. B. Steele went to Lin-

coln, Neb., then a small but growing village. He was at once admitted to practice in that State and formed a copartnership with Seth Robinson, then attorney-general of the State, it having been arranged between Mr. Steele and his first partner that if the prospects in Lincoln were sufficiently promising, J. A. Steele would follow him west. Three months in Lincoln, where he found thirty-five lawyers in practice and only two thousand people, was a long enough period to convince Mr. Steele that his prospects there were not what he had hoped for, and he returned to Frankfort, the copartnership with J. A. Steele having been kept alive. In February, 1870, Mr. Steele removed to Herkimer, his partner remaining in Frankfort. This arrangement continued until June, 1874, when J. A. Steele also removed to the county seat, and the partnership existed until January 1, 1880, when it was dissolved. Mr. Steele remained alone until October 8, 1882, when he formed a copartnership with W. C. Prescott, which still continues.

This period of active practice by Mr. Steele has been substantially unbroken, with the exception of a few months spent in Europe in 1878, when he visited England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Switzerland and other parts of the continent, a tour rendered necessary by failing health. In his profession Mr. Steele has attained more than ordinary success. This is especially true in reference to his practice in courts and before juries in both criminal and civil cases. By exercise of the industry, which is a part of his natural qualifications, his keen insight into the various details of the case in hand, and his ever-present ambition to do his best for his client, he has been enabled to reach success on many occasions where circumstances seemed arrayed against him. In argument and address before a jury he is always forcible, while his thorough preparation of cases and knowledge of the law have rendered him a desirable counselor and advocate, and an opponent not readily overcome. These qualifications were early recognized in this county, both in and out of the profession, and led in 1879 to his election as district attorney, and his re-election three years later. Previous to that time he had served as town clerk of Frankfort, trustee of the village of Herkimer (1887-8) and later president of the village two terms 1890-1. His career as district attorney was a somewhat notable one and gave great satisfaction to his constituents. He was called upon to try many cases for capital crimes (during last year four of these cases were tried), among them being the famous Druse murder case, in which he displayed the qualifications before mentioned in a manner reflecting great credit upon his ability as a lawyer. He convicted the only person who was ever executed in the county. While attorney for the village of Herkimer (1873-5) he secured the charter incorporating the village and conferring the authority for the expenditure of such sums for public improvements as the citizens should vote. This was accomplished against the determined opposition of a large and influential element. He also secured the charter for the incorporation of the Herkimer and Mohawk Street Railway, which was the forerunner of the now important system connecting the villages of Herkimer, Mohawk, Ilion and Frankfort. He was trustee of the village of Herkimer when the water works were put in and was, perhaps, the most efficient power in the successful inauguration of that most beneficent improvement. While president of the village the electric light system was established and various other public measures of improvement were instituted. A sincere and active friend of education, he has always thrown his influence in favor of the extension of

the school system of the village. On the occasion of the holding of the Fireman's State Convention in Herkimer in 1891, he was president of the village and acting chairman of the citizens' committee and chairman of the reception committee, and labored zealously and efficiently for the great success which attended that event. In short, Mr. Steele is a public-spirited citizen in the broadest sense, and no good cause that promises an advance of the general welfare of the community seeks his aid in vain. His character, his ability, and his daily life are such as to bring him the respect and esteem of all with whom he has been associated. A Republican in politics and with the ability to eloquently and forcibly express himself upon the subjects of current political interest, it will be inferred that he might have had public office of distinction had not his tastes, inclination, and ambition confined him closely to his profession.

He is now often called as counsel by other attorneys, both in and out of Herkimer county, a fact that clearly indicates his standing among the members of the bar in Central New York.

Mr. Steele was married July 2, 1885, to Miss Franc Irwin, daughter of John Irwin, of Poland, Herkimer county. They have no children.

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### THE PRESCOTT FAMILY.

The ancestry of this family is traceable back to the time of Queen Elizabeth in England, when they dwelt in Standish, Lancashire. James was the name of the first, as far as known, and John Prescott, of the fourth generation from James, of Standish (1564), came to Boston, Mass., in 1648, and from there to Watertown, Mass., where he settled in 1640. Among his children was a son named Jonas, who was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1648, and this Jonas had a son of the same name, born in 1678, and a resident of New Hampshire. Among the children of the second Jonas was a son Ebenezer, who was born in Groton, Mass., in 1700. He had a son, the first Oliver, who was born in Groton in 1725. Oliver had a son whom he named Oliver, who was born in 1760, in New Hampshire. He settled first in Jaffray, N. H., but in 1793, when he was thirty-three years old, he removed to what was then the western wilderness of Whitestown (now New Hartford), Oneida county, and there purchased a large farm and cleared and improved it, and it has remained the property of some of his descendants ever since—now just one hundred years. He married Keziah Howard before his removal to Whitestown. Among the fourteen children of this second Oliver was Oliver 3d, who was the eldest of the children and was born on the home farm January 8, 1789. He married Ruth Morgan and had ten children as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1812; Harriet, born in 1814; Catharine, born in 1816; Daniel M. (who was the father of William C.), born December 15, 1818; Mary, born in 1821; Amos H. (the late Judge Prescott), born in 1823; Ruth Ann, born in 1826; Phoebe, born in 1828; Oliver, born in 1831, and Abram, born in 1833. The father of these children, Oliver Prescott, was a man of prominence in the community where he lived and his native ability was recognized by his selection to fill important public positions. He held several town

offices and in the year 1848 was elected to the State Assembly. He was a man of strong character and correct principles, and in every way a valuable citizen. His death occurred in 1872.

Of the children of Oliver Prescott 3d, Daniel M., father of William C., is a conspicuous member of the community. He is a progressive, broad-minded man, of much more than ordinary intelligence. He has during his life given much attention to politics, was a member of the Whig party and later of the Republican, and has been honored with several public positions, the first of which was that of sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate, and afterwards was postmaster of both the Senate and Assembly. In 1863 he was elected a member of Assembly and served one term to the satisfaction of his constituents. He held the office of assessor for many years. July 24, 1842, he married Mary Wood, of Herkimer county, who died in 1850, and for a second wife he married Lydia Bacon in 1853. Mr. Prescott and his wife are both still living at the homestead in New Hartford, in the enjoyment of the respect of the community.

Daniel M. Prescott's children by his first wife were Harriet Fidelia, born May 15, 1843, who married Joseph Carter, and now lives at Darien, Genesee county, N. Y.; Lucius L., born in 1846, was a member of the Third New York Light Artillery, in which he enlisted at the age of seventeen, and was killed in the service; and William C., noticed a little further on. The children of Daniel M. by his second wife were Oliver B., born April 8, 1855, and died in 1882; he was a farmer and lived just over the line in Herkimer county, on a part of the homestead; Daniel Dayton, born August 7, 1856, a farmer and now living on the homestead; and Rose May, born March 12, 1871, married Wilbur J. Davies, of Litchfield, Herkimer county.

William C. Prescott, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, was born December 11, 1848, in New Hartford, Oneida county, N. Y. His younger days were passed on his father's farm and in the district schools, where his naturally studious habits and a mind that readily absorbed education, enabled him to rapidly advance. Leaving the district school he studied four years in the Utica Academy and graduated in 1867. To complete an already excellent education he then entered Tufts College, in Massachusetts, took the full four years' course and graduated with high honors. This was not all accomplished without sacrifice and hard work, and a part of the means necessary to pay his expenses in college was obtained by him in teaching, a part of the time in the same school where he began his studies as a boy. While in college Mr. Prescott joined the Zeta Psi society and became a prominent member. In 1870 he was president of their annual convention, which was held in Easton, Pa.

Long before leaving college Mr. Prescott had determined to enter the legal profession, and soon after his graduation he came to Herkimer and began his studies in the law office of Earl, Smith & Brown. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and at once formed a partnership with Hon. Robert Earl, who was in the same year elected judge of the Court of Appeals. He then associated himself with the late Samuel Earl, and their business connection continued until 1882, when he formed the partnership with A. B. Steele, which still exists under the firm name of Steele & Prescott. Mr. Prescott's career as a lawyer has been one of honorable effort and marked success. His association with Mr. Steele during a part of the period in which the latter served as dis-

trict attorney, brought him into connection with the trial of several very important cases, among them the murder trials of Mrs. Druse and Mondon and Richter. In these cases he made the opening addresses and shared in all the exhaustive work necessary to the successful issue of the trials. He is generally regarded as a safe counselor, careful and conservative in his opinions and thorough in his study of every question that comes before him. These valuable qualifications render him a factor of importance in the large business that has been accorded to the firm of which he is a member.

Mr. Prescott is a Republican in politics; but until quite recently he has declined to accept nominations for public office. He was chosen as one of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners upon its formation in 1887, and was made chairman of the board. He was reappointed in 1888 and resigned in 1892. He was largely instrumental in raising the fund of \$12,000 for the recent extension of the Adirondack and St. Lawrence Railroad, which is destined to confer great benefits on the village of Herkimer. He is a Mason of high standing and for two years held the office of worshipful master of Herkimer Lodge. In 1899 he was appointed grand marshal of the Grand Lodge and served two years.

In private life Mr. Prescott long ago won the confidence and universal respect of the community at large for his straightforward, practical and conscientious course and many qualities. For many years he has been a member and one of the important officers of the Episcopal church, and is vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Herkimer, and has been chairman of its Board of Directors.

In the fall of 1892 Mr. Prescott was induced to accept the nomination for member of Assembly from this district and was elected by a more than average majority. He will enter the legislative halls of the State for a year, and will be heard within the confidence of his constituents.

Mr. Prescott was married in 1876 to Frances M., daughter of Charles B. Cotten, of New York city. They have no children.

It is proper at this point to introduce a brief record of the life of Amos H. Prescott, a brother of Daniel M., and whose name and birth have already been given. He received his education in the district schools and the Sauquoit Academy; studied law with Hon. Vernal Owen, of Mohawk, beginning in April, 1842, and was admitted in May, 1847. From that date until 1857 he was a partner with Mr. Owen. After the dissolution of the firm, in the last named year he continued in practice alone at Mohawk until 1870, when he removed to Herkimer and resided there until his death. As a lawyer he attained prominence and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen he ranked among the foremost. He was president of the village of Mohawk three terms, and served as supervisor of the town in 1866-1867, and was chairman of the board. He was also brigadier-general in the National Guard. He became a member of the Native American party in politics and was conspicuous in its councils. In 1855 he received the nomination for the Assembly at their hands and was elected. In the Legislature he was placed on several important committees and performed valuable service. From that time until 1867 he gave close attention to his profession and was accorded a large practice. In 1867 he was elected county judge and surrogate by the Republicans, leaving, and that party soon after its organization. For sixteen years he filled the important office to which he had been chosen, winning the approbation



*Addison Brill*





and confidence of the whole community. As a judge he was upright, impartial and fearless. His term of service extended to within a few years of his death, which took place October 11, 1887. Judge Prescott married first Pamela C. Allen, of Mohawk; she died in 1857, and he married in 1864 Mrs. Martha H. Dygert. By the first wife he had one son, Charles W., and a daughter, Zinnia Ruth, by the second wife.

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### ADDISON BRILL.

The ancestry of Addison Brill is traced back to his grandfather, who was David I. Brill, a native of Dutchess county, N. Y., and who died in 1837. Among his children was David Brill, who was born January 2, 1796, in Beekman, Dutchess county. He married Hannah Pearsall, daughter of Joseph Pearsall, of Pleasant Valley, N. Y. David Brill was by trade a tanner and currier and shoemaker, which occupation he followed in his early life; but later he engaged in farming, lumbering and mercantile pursuits. In 1831 he removed to North Western, Oneida county, N. Y., where most of his active life was passed, and where he died on the 21st of April, 1880, in the enjoyment of the respect of the community where he lived. He was the father of eight children, as follows: David Tompkins born December 5, 1819, died December 18, 1840, a farmer by occupation. Elizabeth, born July 29, 1821, married Ezra Clark of North Western in February, 1840, and still living. Delia Melissa, born August 19, 1823, and died April 6, 1866. John, born September 16, 1825, married Cynthia Tibbetts August 30, 1849, and died May 20, 1886; he was a farmer and later in life a merchant. Permelia M., born February 18, 1828, married Nathaniel D. Bronson, of North Western, in 1851, and living. Addison, the subject, born in Saratoga county, N. Y., February 16, 1831. Augustus H. and Mary Augusta, twins, born December 1, 1836. Augustus H. married Mary D. Baker in October, 1876, and is now living, and is engaged in hardware business at Oxford, N. Y. Mary Augusta is unmarried and lives at North Western.

Addison Brill's early life was pleasantly and profitably surrounded. Reared in a Christian home, he early imbibed the principles which have safely guided him through life, and was also fortunate in having opportunity to secure a good practical education. After the usual period in the district schools, he attended three terms at the Cazenovia Seminary, where his industry and a remarkably retentive memory enabled him to store his mind with an excellent knowledge of the branches taught. Leaving school finally at twenty years of age, he entered his father's store (where he had already served for a time), and remained until he reached his majority, in the capacity of clerk. On the 13th of April, 1852, he became a partner with his father and brother-in-law, Nathaniel D. Bronson, in general merchandising, which was continued until 1865, when he removed to Ilion and took up his permanent residence. Here he engaged in the wholesale grocery and provision business, in connection with and as member of the firm of Edson Delano & Company, and continued it with success five years to 1870. In April, 1871, he formed a partnership with A. N. Russell (see

sketch of Mr. Russell herein), in the lumber and mill business. This partnership continued with mutual satisfaction and pronounced success nearly ten years, when in 1880 Mr. Brill withdrew; and in 1882 established the Remington Sewing Machine Agency. Mr. Brill was secretary and treasurer, and had the management of this organization and its immediate and signal success reflected credit upon his business capacity and executive ability. In 1886 occurred the great failure of the Remington industry when the enormous business, with its several branches and its endless complications and details, was passed into the hands of receivers. Mr. Brill was appointed one of the receivers of the estate, in association with Mr. Russell, his former partner. An account of the manner in which the great interests were handled and protected by the receivers, so that the creditors might get the greatest possible benefit, has been given in the history of the village of Ilion, in earlier pages of this work, and need not be repeated in detail here. Let it suffice to say that the affairs of the corporation were conducted by the receivers until 1892, when all of the vast interests had been closed out in such a manner as to give a good measure of satisfaction to all who were concerned.

In politics Mr. Brill is a Democrat, but not in any sense a partisan, his liberality leading him at times to vote for candidates of the opposing party, who seemed to him to be worthy of support. He never sought office and lives in a county where such a course would ordinarily be a waste of time; but he was elected supervisor in the face of these conditions and served in 1886-87. In the board his habitual straightforward business methods and his belief that public affairs should receive the same attention, and the same treatment given to one's personal business, led him to advise an investigation of the bills and charges of the county clerk, which seemed to him to be exorbitant. Although he did not succeed fully in bringing about the reforms that he desired, owing to the fact that too many of his associates, if not interested in the outcome, from improper methods of transacting public business, were in sympathy with those who were; yet partial restitution for unlawful and excessive charges was secured.

The final developments from that first resolution for investigation have only recently (1892) been reached through the courts, and the details leading up to them would require many pages for explanation. But it may be said thousands of dollars have been saved to the county, and new methods instituted, which if followed will be of large advantage in the future.

Mr. Brill was made director of the Frankfort and Ilion street railway at its organization and held the office for a number of years: also of the Ilion Manufacturing Company, of which he acted as treasurer during the most of its existence. He is a member and active worker in the Methodist church, and has been honored in that connection by election as district representative for many years, and also as lay delegate to the General Conference, a position of honor in the church. He has been a steward in the local church since 1868. Mr. Brill is an ardent temperance man, but his efforts for the diminution of the evils resulting from drink are conducted upon Christian lines, which embody the desire to lift the unfortunate out of their bondage.

From the foregoing it will not be difficult to form a conception of the principal characteristics of Mr. Brill. His conscience is the dictator of his rules of living, and his

career was founded upon a basis of integrity. With great capacity for labor, physical and mental, sound judgment, sagacious foresight, and executive ability, he has been able to command success and at the same time so order his living as to inspire confidence and respect in his fellows. He is public spirited, aids liberally all good works, and endeavors to realize the best ideas of good citizenship.

Mr. Brill married on May 5, 1858, Mary Comstock, daughter of the late Arnon Comstock, of North Western, a man of prominence in that community, and at one time county judge. Mr. and Mrs. Brill have one son, Charles Comstock, born at North Western, N. Y., January 1, 1862, who, after preparatory studies at the Ilion Academy, graduated from Syracuse University in 1885, and later spent one year in a post graduate course at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. He is now superintendent of Norwich University, at Northfield, Vt. He married October 29, 1889, Carrie Hoefler, daughter of John Hoefler, of Ilion, N. Y. They have a daughter, Marion Elizabeth, born at Ilion, N. Y., March 17, 1892.

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### ALBERT NEWTON RUSSELL

Was born on a farm in Kirkland, Oneida county, N. Y., March 17, 1826.

His ancestors on his father's side emigrated to what was then called Whitestown, from Guilford, Conn., and were of English descent. Simeon Hatch, his grandfather on his mother's side, was of Scotch descent and was one of the early settlers of what is now New Hartford, emigrating there from Wethersfield, Conn.

When nine years old his father, Samuel Baldwin Russell, sold his farm and removed to Sherburne, Chenango county, where he died, leaving three children, Albert Newton being the youngest, about eleven years of age.

Returning to New Hartford, his mother gave him such educational advantages as the schools in that vicinity afforded, and while attending the select school he paid his way by working nights, mornings and Saturdays, in a cabinet shop, where he acquired some practical knowledge of mechanics.

After leaving school he worked for a short time on a farm, then as clerk in a general store, later emigrating to Fairfax county, Virginia, for the benefit of his health.

After two years of farm life there, having regained his health, he obtained a position as foreman under the superintendent of capitol and public works in Washington, D. C. Later he returned to Virginia, where he soon after married Miss Mary, daughter of Wells Hatch, a former resident of Chenango county, N. Y., and settled as he then supposed permanently, having become owner of a steam saw-mill and lumbering business, which he operated, with farming and fruit growing in a small way as an auxiliary.

At the time of the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, Mr. Russell, who was a strong Union man, had no alternative but to take his family and seek safety in the North, as the position of an avowed Union man was one of great peril. Under the cover of darkness he commenced his journey in a democrat wagon drawn by a single horse, and before proceeding far, his vehicle was only one of a caravan of twenty-seven, filled with Union refugees.

Arriving at Wellsville, Allegany county, where his brother resided, he obtained employment in a sash and blind factory, beginning life anew among friends, and where it was safe to be a friend of the Union.

In October, 1861, Mr. Russell obtained employment in the armory of E. Remington & Sons at Ilion, where he soon moved his family and has since lived.

He was soon placed in a responsible position, having the general care of the plant, constructing some of the largest buildings and equipping them with engines, boilers, etc., also setting the many machines used therein. He also had charge of the erection of the fine residence of Mr. Philo Remington.

In 1871 he, in company with Mr. Addison Brill, purchased the lumber business of C. F. Raymer in Ilion—Mr. Brill taking charge of the business, assisted by Mr. Russell's oldest son, Samuel T., who represented his father's interests, himself continuing in the employ of the Remingtons until 1877. He has continued in the lumber business till the present time, his son, Samuel, becoming a partner in 1878, under the firm name of Brill, Russell & Company, who carried on the business till 1880, when Mr. Russell and Samuel bought out Mr. Brill and continued the business as the firm of A. N. Russell & Son. In 1883 the younger son, George R., became a member of the firm, a branch yard being established at Frankfort, under his charge, Samuel T. managing the business at Ilion. Under the management of A. N. Russell & Sons, the business has expanded until it has become the most extensive in its line in Herkimer county, and one of the leading ones of the Mohawk Valley, embracing two retail yards with immense stocks of all varieties of lumber, and a large and admirably equipped planing-mill and sash, blind and door factory, employing a large force of workmen, supplying a large trade, not only local, but from the lower Hudson towns and those in New Jersey and Connecticut adjacent to New York city.

Since becoming a resident of Ilion, Mr. Russell has always taken an active part in the enterprises projected for the development of local business, and among other movements the one to secure the location of the West Shore shops at Frankfort, to which he devoted all his energy, with other members of a committee appointed to solicit subscriptions for this fund, conducting negotiations with the railroad company, which resulted in establishing that extensive and valuable industry at that place.

He also took an active part in establishing the knitting mill and Coleman's carriage and wagon factory at Ilion, designing and erecting the buildings for the use of these companies. He is secretary of the Coleman Company; also one of the directors of the Ilion and Mohawk Gas and Electric Light Company.

In March, 1886, the corporation, E. Remington & Sons, became financially involved to such an extent as to make it necessary to place their affairs in the hands of receivers, and Messrs. Russell and Addison Brill were appointed by the court to take the business in charge. This was a position of great responsibility and care, involving the settling of accounts aggregating millions of dollars, many of which had to be adjudicated in the courts, and the conducting of the manufacture of arms and sewing machines for two years before the works were sold. After a lapse of six years they brought the extended litigation to a termination and made their final dividend to the creditors, and after the examination of their accounts by Hon. A. M. Mills, who was appointed referee by the court, they received their discharge.



Seth W. Richmond



During his residence in Ilion, Mr. Russell has been a staunch Republican in politics, giving his party earnest and hearty support, and for seven years served as a member of the county committee of that party.

Mr. Russell has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Ilion since 1866 and of its board of stewards, and has been active in its work.

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### SETH M. RICHMOND.

The ancestors of Seth M. Richmond came from England and settled in Massachusetts, his father, Isaac Richmond, having been born near Boston. His mother was Salona Perry, of Norton, Mass. They had eight children, six of whom were sons, as follows: Isaac, now living at Fulton, Oswego County, N. Y., at the age of ninety years; he was born at Augusta, Oneida county, N. Y., where all of the children were born, and where Isaac Richmond passed most of his life. Gardner, the next son, is deceased; Alvin, living in Little Falls at the age of eighty-six years, and a partner many years with his brother, Seth M., as described below; Nathan P., deceased; Parley, deceased; Phoebe, married N. B. Cook, of Augusta, and living; Anna M., married W. E. Walton, of Munnsville, N. Y., and living; and Seth M., the subject of this sketch and a portrait, who was born at Augusta, on the 17th of May, 1818, between the birth of the two sisters mentioned.

The early years of Mr. Richmond's life were passed amid adverse surroundings, as was the case with most American boys of that period. His only opportunity for obtaining an education was in the country district school, the winter terms being alternated with summer labor on his father's farm, and even this limited school attendance was closed when he was sixteen years old. But he was imbued with an active spirit of enterprise and ambition, and he struck out for himself as soon as he left school by teaching a small school in geography one winter, and then engaged as clerk at what is now called Knoxboro, N. Y., in the employ of John J. Knox, father of Jay Knox, later comptroller of the currency. After about a year in the store, Mr. Knox showed his confidence in his young employer by sending him to Little Falls with a stock of goods to sell, and as cashier and bookkeeper chiefly to the force of men working on the Erie canal enlargement, on which Mr. Knox had a large contract. This was in Mr. Richmond's eighteenth year and the enterprise covered the period from 1837 to 1840 inclusive. At the end of that period Mr. Richmond joined in partnership with his brother Alvin and they bought the stock of goods of Mr. Knox and opened a store. In all of the various business undertakings in which Mr. Richmond has since engaged, his brother has had a share, and their partnership has been unbroken and their relations thoroughly harmonious. The business in the store was promptly and largely extended and soon included coal, they being the first to bring anthracite coal to Little Falls, lumber, which they shipped in great quantities to Troy and Albany, flour, salt, etc. In some of these commodities, particularly coal, the firm has dealt ever since and at the present time they have the most extensive yards in the village. In 1842 the brothers erected a

paper-mill on the site of the early mills of Wm. J. Pardee, later occupied by Paige & Priest, and began the manufacture of print and wrapping papers. On the 13th of July, 1853, the mill was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$50,000, on which was insurance of only \$3,000. They, however, immediately rebuilt the mill and carried it on successfully until 1860, when they sold the property, which now constitutes the foundry of M. Reddy & Sons. In the year 1850 the brothers took hold of the Morris Axe manufactory, and for a number of years they sold the product of the factory. In 1857 they joined with E. B. Waite in the erection of another paper-mill on the lower falls, which they conducted until 1888; the property is now in the hands of the Little Falls Paper Company. In 1877 Seth M. Richmond, in connection with his son-in-law, Charles King, took the knitting-mill formerly operated by Amos King, changed its character to a manufactory of fine woolen knit goods, and gave it the name of the Saxony Knitting Mill. Of this Mr. King is the active manager. Mr. Richmond was one of the principal organizers of the Little Falls National Bank, in 1879, was chosen its president and has ever since held the office. Under his administration this institution has become one of the most prosperous in the Mohawk Valley, and now has a volume of business approximating \$400,000; it has paid a dividend of 7 per cent. from its organization. Mr. Richmond was largely instrumental in organizing the Little Falls Gaslight Company and for six years was its president.

The foregoing gives some indication of the very active business career of Mr. Richmond and of its long continuance; it also shows that his natural business inclination is towards enterprises of broad proportions and involving large transactions and the employment of large capital. It is, perhaps, the prominent qualification as far as business capacity is concerned, that he is able to grasp a large undertaking, or more than one, and foresee the details of its successful manipulation from the beginning. This faculty has aided in giving him uniform success in all the enterprises in which he has been engaged. This success has, moreover, been built upon correct business principles and broad lines of integrity and fairness towards those with whom he has come in contact; he is, therefore, held in high respect by the community, the members of which have in many ways expressed their confidence in him. In politics Mr. Richmond is a Republican and was formerly a Whig, casting his first vote in 1840 for William Henry Harrison. He has held the office of village trustee and was president several terms. In 1860 he was elected sheriff of the county, and in 1867 was chosen to represent the district in the Assembly. He held the office of trustee of the academy several years and was president of the Board of Education two or three years. During his official career the northern riots transpired. Mr. Richmond issued a proclamation enjoining all good citizens to stand by law and order. The result was salutary though harshly criticized by political opponents, yet in time Democrats and Republicans concurred in his course. During the Rebellion he was president of the Union clubs of his town and received and forwarded from his house many of the sanitary supplies. In the mean time he went to the front and visited the soldiers at Fredericksburg and Arlington Heights, and while there was made the recipient of large sums of money from the soldiers for distribution among their families on his return home. His selection for these various posts of honor and trust are expressive of the confidence felt by the pub-







*W. King*



Chas King



lic in his capacity and zeal in the cause of education and general advancement. And it is greatly to his credit that it may truthfully be stated that in every official capacity he has given to his duties the same watchful and intelligent care that he has bestowed upon his own business.

Mr. Richmond is a member of the Baptist society and bestows of his means to all the religious organizations of the village. His public spirit and desire for the prosperity of his adopted home prompts him to ever-ready effort in all public affairs that tend to the advancement of the place. Though now far advanced in years, Mr. Richmond has still the clear mental qualities of his earlier manhood, and regularly gives his attention to the details of his various business connections and particularly to the bank of which he has so long been the presiding officer.

Mr. Richmond was married on the 13th of April, 1840, to Ursula F. Osborn, daughter of Jacob Osborn, of Little Falls. Their children are: An infant son, deceased; Kate F., married W. W. Whitman, and deceased; Clara died in infancy; Sarah B., married Charles King and living in Little Falls.

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#### AMOS KING — CHARLES KING.

Among the early settlers of Greene county, N. Y., was the family of the late Hon. Perkins King. His children were Amos, Charles, Lucy, Harriet and Mary. His wife was Miss Jackson, daughter of General Jackson, who fought at Bunker Hill. Perkins King was conspicuous in Republican politics and was member of Assembly in 1826-27, when Dewitt Clinton was governor, and member of Congress in 1829-30. Amos King was the elder son of Perkins King, and was born in Freehold, Greene county, N. Y., January 5, 1817. He received the advantages of a common school education and inherited from his parents intellectual qualities that contributed to his later advancement in his life work. After leaving school he began the operation of a carding-mill at Freehold, which he continued until the mill was burned. Mr. King then went to Watertown, N. Y., and engaged in the same business. This was in 1853. Misfortune followed him, and the mill in that city also burned. He then moved to Norwich, Conn., where he also carried on a similar business. In 1872 he located permanently in Little Falls and began the manufacture of woolen cloths, in which he had so long been engaged. Four years later he changed the character of his manufacture and founded the Saxony Knitting Company, associating with himself in partnership his son Charles. Under their management this became one of the most prosperous establishments of the kind in the State, and it was continued until the death of Mr. King on the 26th of September, 1891. He was married in 1843 to Amanda Pratt, daughter of Israel Pratt of Greene county. Their children were: Charles King, now of Little Falls, and Mrs. W. A. Benedict of Newton Centre, Mass.

In his long business career Mr. King possessed the confidence and esteem not only of those with whom he was intimately associated, but also of every community in which he lived. His judgment and strong good sense gave weight and influence to all his conclusions, and his advice and counsel were always prized by those who were so for-

tunate as to obtain them. The characteristic which will be best remembered so long as any of those who knew him shall survive, which gave to his character its greatest strength, to his influence its greatest usefulness, to his memory its sweetest incense, was his earnest, devoted, consistent Christian life, exemplified in all his business, in all the closer relations of family and intimate friends, in all the more public offices of church and social associations. For many years a member and elder in the Presbyterian church, he was active in efforts to promote its growth, and a leader in its good works. He for many years filled the position of Sunday-school superintendent, in which he was able to accomplish much good that will live long after him. In politics Mr. King was a Republican, but his tastes and ambition led him wholly into business channels, and he never accepted public office of any kind.

One who knew him well wrote at the time of his death as follows: "In his death the community loses one of her oldest and best known knit goods manufacturers, who for the past twenty years has been identified with the business interests of Little Falls, and contributed greatly to the growth and prosperity of the town. An active, efficient business man, a patriotic citizen and an earnest Christian has closed his earthly career and gone to his earthly reward, sincerely mourned by an exceptionally wide circle of friends." The session of the Presbyterian church met and adopted a series of eulogistic resolutions upon the character and work of their member.

Charles King was born in Freehold, N. Y., August 21, 1848. He received his education in the Norwich Free Academy and fitted for Yale, but at the age of twenty-one years relinquished the plan of attending college and was given an interest in his father's business, after having served seven years in learning every detail. Removing with his father to Little Falls, he became a member of the firm of A. & C. King, which continued, as above stated, until his father's death. Since that time he has been associated with Hon. Seth M. Richmond in the management of the Saxony Knitting Company. As a business man and a master of his trade Mr. King occupied a conspicuous position and enjoyed the confidence of all who know him. He is a Republican in politics but has not held office, his business requiring his whole attention. Mr. King was married in 1875 to Sarah B., daughter of Hon. Seth M. Richmond.

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### FREDERICK U. WELLER.

Among the pioneers of the town of Newport, Herkimer county, was Israel Weller. He was a man of some note in early days, and shared in the War of 1812 at Sackett's Harbor. He was a practical hatter and carried on that business in Newport village, and was among the earliest manufacturers of that vicinity. His wife was Sally Hawkins, a native of Newport, daughter of Uriah Hawkins, who took part as an officer under Washington in the Revolutionary War. Israel Weller died at an advanced age in Cattaraugus county, N. Y.

Frederick U. Weller, son of Israel, was born in Newport November 24, 1819. Being one of a large family and living where schools were far apart and primitive in character, his education was limited to a few months in winter until he was fifteen years old. He



*C. H. Carpenter*





had already struck out for himself three years earlier, by working summers on neighboring farms, for which he received four or five dollars a month. From that time onward he supported himself. When he had reached seventeen years he entered the store of Benjamin Terry at Newport and served one year as clerk, when he, in company with a Mr. Hall, bought the store and carried on business four years. During this period they also had a staging business, carrying freight, money, etc., to Utica, and in 1838 carried the mail and ran a stage from Little Falls, passing through Eaton's Bush, Fairfield, Middleville, Newport, Poland, Russia, Gravesville, Trenton Falls and Trenton. During his partnership with Hall, Mr. Weller purchased a farm near Newport and worked it two years. On the 8th of November, 1842, he married Helen Spencer, daughter of Alpheus Spencer of Newport. They occupied the farm two years after marriage, but with indifferent success, and Mr. Weller's ambition prompted him to make a change, and he accordingly removed to Ilion. There were only about fifty buildings of all kinds in the village at that time. The elder Remington had substantially retired from active business, and his son Samuel had just secured the first large contract for 25,000 guns. In Ilion Mr. Weller established the Ilion Temperance House, which he successfully conducted five years. At the end of that period, taking his capital of \$4,000 or \$5,000, he removed to Pittsfield, Mass., where he purchased of his uncle a stock of boots and shoes. He remained there seven years, devoting himself closely to his business and meeting with good success. It is proper to state here that Mr. Weller had never enjoyed a very robust constitution, and his many years of arduous labor finally broke his health, and upon the final advice of physicians he came to Mohawk, N. Y., for rest and possible recuperation. Before the final breaking down of his health he resorted to numerous doctors who successively fed him calomel until his system became charged with it, and ever since he has been a constant sufferer from the ravages of the drug.

On his arrival in Mohawk on his way back to Ilion he saw the residence he now occupies (then owned by the now venerable Jacob Diefendorf), and eight months later, in 1857, he purchased the premises and there made his permanent home. Three years later he added by purchase a tract which now gives him about six acres of beautifully situated land, and has since enlarged and greatly improved the residence. He continued the ownership of considerable real estate in Pittsfield until 1881, when he sold it, and for thirty-five years past he has had no active business, but has given much attention to the care of his buildings in Mohawk and to other affairs, as his health would permit. In 1860 he purchased a brick block, now known as the Weller Block, of Charles Spinner. He was called by his fellow-citizens to fill the office of president of the village one term, and by his honorable and upright life, his genial temperament and liberal aid in all good works, has gained the high esteem of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Weller have one daughter, Sarah Matilda, born September 12, 1843.

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### C. W. CARPENTER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Rockingham, N. H., on the 21st of July, 1819. He is descended from English ancestry, and his father was Christopher R. Carpenter, a native of the State of Maine, born in 1782. He died in 1833. His wife was

Mary B. McCrillis, born in 1796, and died July 22, 1872. They were parents of ten children, of whom only four are now living; they are: The subject; William H., of Milford, Mass., born January 19, 1821; Vasta M., born January 19, 1825, married William Abbott, of Concord, N. H.; Mary E. Osgood, born December 26, 1829; both of these daughters are now widows; Rufus T., born June 9, 1822, deceased; Jacob C., born December 28, 1823, deceased; an infant, born and died in March, 1824; Jacob McCrillis, born January 24, 1826; Waldo, born January 7, 1827, died February 2, of the same year, and Abby L., born December 26, 1828.

C. W. Carpenter found only limited opportunity to obtain an education in the district school, and early in life took up mechanical labor. While he was yet young his parents removed from Rockingham to Lowell, Mass., and lived there two years. Afterward his father and a younger brother came westward on the then new Erie canal, in 1829, and he was taken along and finally reached the village of Owego, Tioga county, where he lived two years with two of his aunts. In 1832 his father located in Utica and C. W. followed him and began working at the cabinet-making trade. This he followed only one year, when he went to the town of Marcy and spent five years in arduous labor on a farm. He then went to the village of Mohawk into a blacksmith and carriage shop, where he worked four years at carriage ironing, in which work he became thoroughly proficient. This brings his career down to the year 1844, when he made his last removal to the village of Ilion and worked in the department in the Remington works in which gun barrels were made; this was then the principal part of their business and required skill and executive ability. Mr. Carpenter continued in this occupation for twelve years, until there was a decline in that branch of the industry, when he followed railroadng in Ohio five years. In the summer of 1862 he returned and took up his former occupation in the armory, where he continued in full charge of that branch of the great works until 1884, when he retired from active labor. In the long period during which he served in the armory Mr. Carpenter developed the sterling qualities which are necessary in such a responsible position, and his success was such that he not only became a strong factor in the growth of the industry, but won the regard of those who labored under him.

Mr. Carpenter is a Republican in politics, but never gave his attention to public affairs more than is the duty of every good citizen. He was chosen president of the village in 1888 and held the office two terms; is vice-president of the Mohawk and Ilion railroad since 1889; treasurer of the Ilion Gaslight company since 1888, and a director in the Ilion National bank since 1886. In these several positions he has shown judgment and business capacity of a high order. He joined the Order of Odd Fellows in 1847, and became a Master Mason in 1855, in the Mohawk Valley lodge, No. 276. He is now a thirty-second degree Mason as a member of the Central City Consistory in Syracuse. He has acted as treasurer of the Mohawk Valley lodge for seventeen years and recently was re-elected to the office.

Mr. Carpenter was married on February 9, 1845, to Lucretia P. Coppernoll, daughter of George L. and Nancy Coppernoll, of Mohawk; she was born June 21, 1828. They have children as follows: Henry R., born May 26, 1846, now employed in the United Express auditing office, in Jersey City; Marion, born July 28, 1847, living at home;

and Sarah A., born September 20, 1850, married Harry A. Tuttle, and lives in Minneapolis; and grandchildren, Charles W. Tuttle, aged twenty-one, and Harry W. Carpenter, aged nineteen years.

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### DR. MALEK ADHEL SOUTHWORTH

Was born in Oswego county, New York, in 1828. In his childhood his parents, Daniel H. Southworth and Elizabeth Southworth, moved to Little Falls, N. Y., and there he and his sister, Miss Pauline E. Southworth, now deceased, and his brother, William D. Southworth, grew to maturity. The lineage of the family extends directly to the Southworths of Plymouth and the *Mayflower*; and from them to an old but now extinct English family of that name, whose crest was a bull's head, with the motto, in Latin, "Strive and Pray." When twelve years old, Malek A. Southworth was temporarily assistant teacher in the famous school of S. S. Whitman, esq., at Little Falls. When thirteen he commenced teaching "district school" in Herkimer county, and many of our now prominent citizens were his pupils. At the age of sixteen he began the study of medicine in the office of Drs. Green and Brown, in Little Falls. In 1845 he went to New York and finished his preliminary medical studies in the office of Dr. Jacob S. Miller, at the University Medical College, and Bellevue Hospital.

He commenced the practice of medicine and surgery in New York city in 1849, and thereafter it was his good fortune to provide a maintenance for his parents and sister during the rest of their lives. He soon became a member of the County Medical Society, a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, etc. In 1855 his excessive professional labors had so impaired his health that he was obliged to relinquish his large practice, and seek a more congenial climate.

In 1857 Dr. Southworth located in Houston, Texas, and notwithstanding the then pronounced antagonism to Northern men, and the personal contentions that necessarily followed, he was, at the beginning of the Rebellion in 1861, city physician of Houston, and Medical Director of the city hospital, and had a private practice not exceeded in financial value by that of any medical gentleman in the State.

In November, 1861, he received at Houston, from the Confederate States government, and without his solicitation, a commission as surgeon in the Confederate service. It was accompanied by a note, signed J. P. Benjamin, Acting Secretary of War, C. S. A., requesting Dr. S. to immediately take the accompanying oath of allegiance, and signify his acceptance of the commission. Dr. Southworth did neither; but with the essential assistance this document gave him, he proceeded to Arizona, and from there duly declined the commission, and crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico.

A true history of the whirlwind of passion that swept over the South, and especially Texas, in 1860 and 1861, of detestation of the North, and wild zeal for the Confederacy, with all the social conditions those feelings implied, has never been written, nor would it be believed by the present generation. In comparison the passions, prejudices and patriotism of the masses of the North were but trivialities. More fortunate than many loyal men in the south, Dr. Southworth escaped from the Confederacy; and still more

fortunate, without taking the oath of allegiance, or any oath or obligation to any Confederate civil or military authority.

In 1861 or '62 the State government of Texas enacted a law making it desertion to leave that State to avoid military service in the Confederacy, and declaring all who had left that State for that purpose to be deserters, and therefore punishable by death. Necessarily the loyal refugees from Texas, and particularly those in the United States army, were in especial danger of dying.

Dr. Southworth was obliged to travel through the northern border States of Mexico to a seaport on the Gulf, and owing to their disturbed and turbulent condition, he was a year in reaching Matamoras and New Orleans. He necessarily learned the Spanish language, and profitably practiced his profession during unavoidable detentions. At New Orleans he was immediately appointed volunteer surgeon on the staff of General Jack Hamilton. From New Orleans he went to Texas with General Hamilton, and the army of Gen. N. P. Banks, who then commanded the Department of the Gulf; and in 1863, at Brownsville, Texas, was mustered into the United States service as surgeon of the Second Regiment Texas Cavalry Volunteers. He acted as health officer of Brownsville and the camp; and when the army returned to New Orleans was transferred, as surgeon, to the First Regiment. In May, 1864, Dr. Southworth was ordered, as medical director, to Morganza, on the Mississippi river above New Orleans, where typhoid fever, dysentery and scurvy were prevailing among the 12,000 men there encamped. Under his supervision sanitary measures were promptly enforced; the camp was additionally ditched and drained; large foraging parties into the enemy's territory brought in abundant supplies of vegetables; the colored troops, General Ullman's command, were put nearly on their old plantation diet; and in two months those diseases were almost banished from Morganza; and then Dr. Southworth was taken to the hospital at New Orleans, sick of typhoid fever. When convalescent he was ordered north on sick furlough for sixty days.

He duly rejoined his regiment at New Orleans, and was detailed as medical director of the Second Cavalry Division, of the cavalry forces of the department in the field, and on other special duties. He participated in all the principal engagements that occurred in the Department of the Gulf after he entered the army, and served with distinction until after the close of the war; and in November, 1865, at San Antonio, Texas, was honorably mustered out of the United States service.

Early in 1867, General Sheridan then commanding the department of the Gulf, Dr. Southworth was appointed resident physician of the Mississippi river quarantine station, by far the most important quarantine in the South, and self-evidently to him was mainly due the credit of then so long keeping yellow fever from New Orleans and the Mississippi valley. In 1875 he was re-appointed by Governor Kellogg, of Louisiana, and held the office until he resigned three months after all other State officials had been superseded by the Democratic regime. On the spacious and beautiful quarantine grounds, about forty miles below New Orleans, were three large hospitals, a dwelling for the resident physician and his assistants, and houses for nurses and employees; and the office of resident physician was thought so desirable that the superseding governor stated that more than fifty physicians had applied to him for the appointment.

In 1873 Dr. Southworth was appointed and duly commissioned Surgeon General of Louisiana, with the rank of brigadier general.

The loyal residents of the South were in no degree responsible for the reconstruction laws enacted in 1867. More than the people of the north, they realized the difficulties, uncertainties and dangers of negro enfranchisement. Nevertheless for them there was no alternative but to do the best that was possible under the existing conditions.

Whatever may be the ultimate conclusion about the right and expediency of the immediate and universal enfranchisement of the colored men in the conquered States, whether it was an outrage against humanity or a wise and beneficent providence, this fact is evident, that thereafter the honor of the Republican leaders of the South who had loyally, honestly and faithfully participated in reconstruction, and the honor of the United States government and the Republican party of the North, were concerned in a reasonable protection of the ignorant and defenseless negroes in the exercise of the unsolicited rights thus given to them by a great and victorious nation.

The massacre at Mechanics' Institute in New Orleans, in 1866; the dispersal of Republican political organizations by armed mobs in 1867-8-9; the wanton and unpunished persecution and killing of negroes and loyal white men; and the violent overthrow of the Republican government in Louisiana, in the first year of President Hayes's administration, are illustrative incidents and events of those times.

It is our purpose to state only unquestionable facts, and without criticism or blame; for whether the lawless overthrow of the Republican regime in Louisiana was politically right or politically wrong, and a blessing or a curse to the negroes themselves, is still a disputed question.

During reconstruction in Louisiana Dr. Southworth owned and edited the *New Orleans Daily Republican*, the then leading Republican newspaper in the South; he was president of the Republican executive committee and the Louisiana member of the National Republican committee.

Because of the relatively insignificant number of white Republicans and the race proclivities of the blacks, it was *inevitable* that a large majority of the Legislature and some of the State officials should be negroes. But it is an unquestioned fact that owing chiefly to the labors of the loyal men of Louisiana who had served in the United States army, and there were few others, four-fifths of the negroes elected to office in that State at the first election after their enfranchisement were local preachers and praying men — the best representatives of their race. It was also inevitable that in the sudden and wonderful transition that had come to them, the negroes, even the more intelligent, should be unable to realize or comprehend their new duties and responsibilities, even where the larger interests of their race were plainly and directly concerned. But the result has passed into history, and the great problem of negro enfranchisement in the South still remains unsolved.

Necessarily, from the positions he held, Dr. Southworth was prominent in the Republican politics of Louisiana; but in all the bitter controversies and personal animosities of those times no charge was ever brought against his personal integrity or honor, and many of his friends were among his political opponents, and those who had been distinguished in the Confederate armies. It is another unquestioned fact that the ani-

mosities following the war extended but slightly, when at all, to those who had done the fighting to the end. The long contest sobered the contestants.

After the final acceptance of his resignation as quarantine physician Dr. Southworth determined, because of the unsettled state of the society and the impoverished condition of the Gulf States, to again locate in the North.

In 1878 at Dallas, Texas, he married Mrs. Eunice Victoria Fowler, *nee* Dixon, a most estimable lady. She died in New York the subsequent year and was buried at Little Falls.

He then passed two years in the hospitals and medical colleges of New York city, and finally, in 1881, settled in the practice of his profession at Little Falls, N. Y., selecting that locality because there was the home he had provided for his sister and his home in boyhood.

He has written extensively on sanitary subjects for medical journals and the press, and somewhat on other professional subjects for medical societies and journals. In politics, since 1880, he has taken only sufficient interest to vote for the candidates of either party indifferently, as his conscience and judgment dictated.

Dr. Southworth, at Little Falls, soon acquired and has continued a large and lucrative practice.

He has shown an unusual devotion to his professional work. Through painstaking and careful examination of every case that has come under his care he has been able to look deeply into the nature of diseases, and thus to often relieve and cure where others have failed. This acumen has led to his opinion being frequently sought in consultation practice over a large field; and among his own patients it has led to his opinion being accepted with unusual confidence and trust. His relations with his patients and friends have always been of the pleasantest kind; his earnest solicitude for the best interests of all inspiring a confidence and hope that is the best tonic in the sick room.

Dr. Southworth is a member, and formerly president, of the Herkimer County Medical Society, a Fellow of the New York Medical Association, and consulting physician to St. Luke's Hospital at Utica, N. Y.

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### DR. IRVING O. NELLIS

Was born in Herkimer, N. Y., on the 9th of July, 1856. He received his classical education at Fairfield Seminary and his medical education at the University of Vermont, graduating June 24, 1882 with the honor of marshal of his class of 128 graduates. In August, 1882, he began practice of his profession in Herkimer, N. Y., where he still enjoys a large and well-earned business.

During the time he was attending school Dr. Nellis taught winters in district schools, in order to be able to educate himself. In 1884 he was elected coroner and in 1889 was re-elected, receiving at that time the renomination by the Republican and endorsed by the Democratic party, showing the esteem and confidence felt in him by



*Irving O. Nellis, M.D.*





members of both of the prominent political parties. During the first term of his coronership Dr. Nellis held the inquest in the famous Druse case.

Dr. Nellis's mother was a Witherstine, a descendant of the famous Chrisjohn Schell, of Revolutionary fame, then living in Schell Bush and old Fort Herkimer. During one of the battles of that contest they had two boys stolen and taken to Canada by the Indians. In the same battle the Indians thrust the muzzles of their guns through the crevices of Fort Schell (in Schell's Bush) when Mr. Schell's wife grasped an axe and struck the gun barrels, bending and rendering them useless.

The father of Dr. Nellis is a native of this State, where he has always lived. The doctor is a member of the Herkimer County Medical society; the American Legion of Honor (of which he is past commander); the United Friends; Fort Dayton Hose company, and other social and political organizations. He is a member of the Episcopal church, also one of the board of sewer commissioners of Herkimer, N. Y.

Dr. Nellis married on October 29, 1885, Jennie Pierce, of Herkimer, and they have one child, Mary Irene.

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### CELORA E. MARTIN

Was born in the town of Newport on the 23d of August, 1834. He was the son of Ellis Martin, a direct descendant of John Martin, who came to New England from Wales in 1663, and his mother was Lucetta Prayton, the only daughter of Captain Stephen Prayton, who was one of the early settlers of the town. He was educated at the common schools and in the academies at Fairfield and Holland Patent; studied law with John C. Harris, of Newport, and was admitted at Oswego, July 8, 1856, and in the summer of 1857 removed to Whitney's Point, Broome county. In 1867 he opened an office in Binghamton where he has resided since 1868. In May, 1877, he was appointed by Governor Robinson a justice of the Supreme Court for the Sixth Judicial District, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the late Judge Balcom. In the fall of that year he was nominated by both parties for the office and unanimously elected, and in 1891 he was again unanimously nominated by both parties and elected without opposition. He has for several years been and is now an associate justice in the General Term of the Fourth Judicial Department with Judges Hardin and Merwin. He is a painstaking, able and useful judge.

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### CHESTER W. PALMER

Was born in Herkimer, N. Y., and has always resided here. His father bore the same name and was a native of Reading, Vt., where he carried on the manufacture of cloth in all its branches. He came to Herkimer at an early day, but was not actively engaged in business here. He died in July, 1877. His wife was Zilpha Morse, of Reading, Vt. Their children were as follows: May Ann, born in Herkimer, married Jacob P. Harter of Herkimer; Bela, born in Herkimer and died in 1874; Cordelia,

married Marcus W. Rasbach, of Herkimer; Joseph, now living in Herkimer; Frank, died in 1877; Chester W., born as above stated; Emily J., married F. W. Myers of Mohawk.

Chester W. Palmer received his education in the public schools and was two years a student in the college at Fairfield. After leaving school he taught one winter and then entered the grocery store of his brother, Bela Palmer, of Herkimer, as clerk, in which capacity he remained until 1866, when he purchased the entire establishment. For fourteen years, until 1880, Mr. Palmer carried on this business alone with gratifying success, when he took as a partner his nephew, S. C. Harter. During this period of its



THE PALMER HOUSE.

continuance this business has been greatly enlarged and widened in its scope, and the stock carried now embraces almost everything needed in a village or farming community, excepting dry goods. It finally became apparent that the building in which the business was conducted would no longer suffice for its accommodation, and in 1889 steps were taken by Mr. Palmer to erect a new block. After mature deliberation Mr. Palmer determined to build a structure which would at once be a source of pride in the village, and give him excellent facilities for his business and provide the community with a first-class hotel. It was a bold step and was met, as similar efforts often are, with determined opposition from some and doleful forebodings from others. But believing in

the enterprise and in his own ability to carry it through successfully. He pushed ahead and during the years 1889-91 the building now known as the Palmer House was completed. The large double stores in the southern end are occupied by his business, while the northern half and the entire upper floors are devoted to a hotel with every modern improvement and luxuriously and tastefully furnished. This latter work was accomplished almost wholly by Mr. Palmer's accomplished wife, who lived only just long enough to see it finished. The hotel was opened and after two short periods of experience with other managers, Mr. Palmer was successful in securing George A. May and his wife, who have now had charge of the house for about a year; and all that need be said about it is, that guests are turned from its doors almost every night, so great is its popularity with the traveling public.

Mr. Palmer is a man of modest and retiring temperament, but possessed of a great amount of energy and tenacity of purpose. When once his hand is set to do a thing which he believes to be right, he seldom turns back from it. Conscientious in every undertaking, his business career has been one of integrity and in it he has gained the confidence and respect of the community. He has been director in the Herkimer Bank for many years, and a member of the Episcopal church, in which he has been a vestryman and treasurer for a number of years. He is a Republican in politics, but has never taken a partisan interest nor sought candidacy for public office.

Mr. Palmer was married on the 26th of November, 1889, to Adele Brule, of Chicago. She died childless on the 19th of August, 1891.

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### CHARLES EDGAR MYERS,

Known commonly by the German equivalent Carl, or as Carl E., was born in the little hamlet of Fort Herkimer, in the town of German Flats, Herkimer county. N. Y., March 2, 1842. His father, Abram Myers, was one of fourteen children and the son of Michael F. Myers, who was of German descent, like most of the early families of the Mohawk valley, and a considerable farmer of that region. His mother, Ann Eliza, was one of eight children of Jacob F. Cristman, also of German descent, a wealthy land-owner and the inheritor of numerous slaves, to whom he subsequently gave freedom.

Soon after the birth of Carl his parents removed to Mohawk, in the same township, where young Myers continued to reside during his youth.

The special characteristic of the child, early manifested, was a precocious ingenuity, later shown in his ability to almost instantly solve any puzzle or problem in physics or mechanics which came under his notice. This was partly the result of inherent faculties, strongly stimulated by early training. At the age of seven years he attended a boys' school kept by Epaphroditus Randall, an original, scientific genius, in Mohawk, possessing an extensive cabinet of electrical, chemical and mechanical apparatus for the demonstration of physical laws. On the first Saturday afternoon (half holiday) following his introduction to school young Myers attended his first scientific lecture,

which chanced to be on electricity, and was fascinated. Thereafter he looked forward with longing from week to week for the wonders which each succeeding lecture developed. These exerted such an influence upon his early life that as a child he became an adept at most of the scientific arts and accomplishments which serve older persons as life occupations and professions. His spending money went for scientific books and materials for experiments or mechanical constructions, and very soon, while yet a young school boy, he realized quite a revenue from the practice of various branches of the arts and his skill in mechanical construction.

All practical time out of school was spent either in the woods or fields or in the workshop or laboratory, his acquaintance with natural laws and physical operations being thus gratified to an unusual degree, while his ingenuity in creating novel mechanical devices, puzzles, sports, games and pastimes made him a leader among the youths of his acquaintance.

Being dependent upon his own earnings for the gratification of the somewhat expensive habits of book-buying and original experimenting, he turned each of his accomplishments to service, and we find him later, at nearly one and the same time, or in turn, a carpenter, plumber and gasfitter, electroplater, electrical instrument maker, telegrapher, photographer, express delivery agent, collector for the local gas company and bank clerk, and deriving a combined income from these diverse occupations. In addition, most of the tools and appliances of the mechanical or scientific arts practiced by him were of his own construction. Thus as a boy he made a turning lathe for metal, with which in turn he made other mechanical tools and contrivances, including the gasfitter's outfit; and in the line of electricity the galvanic batteries for electro-metallurgy and machinery for producing insulated wires for magnetic apparatus.

On the 5th day of July, 1861, he entered the service of the Mohawk Valley Bank. His initiatory salary was the customary one of "nothing for the first year," but he was afterwards presented with \$100 for extra service and attention to duties. In July, 1863, at the solicitation of the bank officers, he opened in a corner of the counting room (where he was then book-keeper) the first telegraph office in Mohawk. Within one week after receiving permission from the superintendent of the telegraph company (which contributed the line wire and insulators for the connecting loop, and nothing else,) he had put these up, built the necessary machinery, consisting of telegraphic key, relay, sounder and local batteries, and in six evenings had taught himself the alphabet by tapping with a lead pencil, and at the beginning of the following week was a full-fledged telegraph operator, sending and receiving all messages, perhaps the most marked instance known in rapidly obtaining practical success in this art. Thenceforward he received one-half of the entire receipts of the office during three years, when the gradual increase of his duties as operator, book-keeper and bank teller forced him to remove the telegraph office to the post-office, in the charge of another learner, Austin Schall, who presently became one of the most expert operators of the Western Union Company and the special attendant of its superintendent.

During Mr. Myers's connection with the bank he removed his laboratory to the rooms of Dr. James Lewis, the eminent conchologist. Dr. Lewis was a fine machinist, and in connection with him Mr. Myers brought out several valuable inventions, including a



*C. E. Myers*



lamp damper, which forms the basis of a *correct and perfect* regulation of all kerosene lamps of the present day; an improved telegraphic switch for making by one movement any number or variety of electrical connections, and a self-registering mercurial barometer, self-compensated for temperature, which was the first known instrument of this class. One of these has been in Mr. Myers's possession in use for over thirty years, and has the barometrical record of this entire period reading to the one-thousandth part of an inch, atmospheric pressure.

As a banker young Myers became immediately interested in the detection of counterfeit notes, studying the methods of construction of the genuine and variations in the spurious. He acquired an immense collection of samples of the various counterfeit bills, which, pasted in a scrap book for comparison with another book in which he pinned the genuine notes in each case, attracted great attention and became the basis of much of the present system of counterfeit bank note detection. The great multiplicity of plates and designs in use during the old State banking system gave great scope to counterfeiters, and the country was flooded with their productions. Young Myers became so expert in instantly detecting such at first sight that while yet a subordinate clerk all notes received by the bank were passed through his hands, he agreeing to charge himself with all losses sustained by the bank through counterfeits, and during his entire service neither he nor the bank lost a dollar from this cause. As a youth Myers had been exceedingly diffident, bashfully modest to the extent of timidity, and unable to express himself with fluency for want of words. To remedy his lack of words he undertook and accomplished the task of copying word for word all the material of the bank dictionary. Later, when overwork warned him of possible loss of sight, he forced himself to abstain from reading any printed matter not connected with his banking duties for an entire year, and had his reward for what he then considered the hardest task of his life by such renewal of sight that during all the succeeding years there has been no apparent impairment of vision under the severest tests. As an out-door recreation he made many of the earlier "wet plate" photographic views, and later, with a portable outfit, constructed by himself, he made the first-known series of stereoscopic views of the Adirondack Wilderness region, beginning with the Old John Brown Tract, or Arnold House, the Forge, Fulton Chain of Lakes, the Raquette, Eagle and Blue Mountain Lake, and the northern wilderness, in company with a party of roving young people, without guides, whose funny wanderings were afterwards published under the title of "The Modern Babes in the Woods," by H. Perry Smith, in connection with "A Guide to the Adirondack Wilderness," by Ed. R. Wallace, of Syracuse, who has annually republished the guide, with additions, making it the best-known authority in this region.

In July, 1867, after six years uninterrupted service, Mr. Myers resigned his position as teller and acting cashier of the National Mohawk Valley Bank, and within a month went to look up some landed interests in Steuben county, N. Y., where, as a convenient point for attention to the same, he soon after bought a photograph gallery in the rapidly growing village of Hornellsville, then a place of about 5,000 inhabitants. Here he remained till 1875, while the town became a city with doubled population, and he had acquired all the photograph business in it, concentrated later into a single establishment

widely-known along the lines of the Erie railway as a particularly notable place of resort, full of novel attractions and features of interest to which all visitors to the city were brought as one of the sights of the town. As a photographer, Mr. Myers contributed numberless improvements in the art—valuable apparatus and systems of lighting.

In November, 1871, at Hornellsville, Mr. Myers married Miss Mary Breed Hawley of that place, a handsome and highly intellectual young lady, whose Revolutionary ancestors were the Hawleys, of Connecticut, and the Breeds, of Breeds' Hill, near Boston, on which Bunker Hill Monument is erected.

Miss Hawley, as a wife, proved an influential and able helpmeet. Later, as "Carlotta," the aeronaut, she has won reputation as the most able air navigator in the world, irrespective of sex, and has been seen by more people, singly and collectively, than any other living person of modern times, in any walk of life. She is also the author of a work relating her aerial adventures, entitled "Skylarking in Cloudland."

It is as a professor of aeronautic art that Mr. Myers has attracted most notice, and outranked all others in this country. His interest in this art dates from his return to his former home at Mohawk in 1875. Previous to his active practice of this profession he spent about two years in study and effort to produce a new and more successful system of operating hydrogen gas balloons. Hydrogen ballooning had been practically abandoned before this because exceedingly uncertain, and very expensive. He succeeded in reducing the expense of producing and inflating such balloons more than one-half, and rendered the operation so certain that up to the present time he has never made a failure of a hydrogen gas inflation. Another difficulty never before surmounted was the assumed impossibility of permanently retaining the subtle hydrogen in any envelope of thin material. This he succeeded in accomplishing perfectly by applying to thin cotton cloth, by machinery, a series of exceedingly thin varnish coatings, layer upon layer, so that each succeeding coat overlaid or plugged up the microscopic pores in the underlying varnish film, thus producing a thin, light weight, hydrogen-proof fabric ready for cutting out and forming immediately into balloons, completely revolutionizing the art of balloon construction, formerly conducted entirely by hand in an inefficient manner.

To obtain space needed for further development he removed in May, 1889, to Frankfort, N. Y., and founded the aeronautical institution, since widely known as the "Balloon Farm," where, instead of agricultural produce, all kinds of sky crafts are raised. This unique establishment comprises five acres of ground, including flat and sloping lawns, a sheltered, cosy glen, or natural amphitheatre for balloon experiments or harbor for air craft, and a handsome, elaborate, three story mansion, having a frontage of ninety feet and a depth of fifty-five feet, replete with every facility and appointment to be found in an expensive city house. Visible for miles around, as a landmark, it overlooks from a plateau the near villages of the Mohawk Valley, and while peculiarly situated amidst country surroundings, it is yet in the village of Frankfort, and is reached by omnibus from the New York Central and the West Shore railway stations in five or ten minutes. The first and second stories of the mansion are devoted to living or entertainment of guests, while the entire third story and spacious attic above



are occupied by balloons and air-ships and apparatus for construction and experiment, the rear half of the third story forming one large hall, while adjacent rooms include a chemical laboratory, a machine shop or lathe room, carpenter's shop, printing press, and a great variety of useful tools and adjuncts. An alcoved library on the first floor contains every accessible feature or item of information relative to æronautics since the beginning of the art, including its old and rare books, and an elaborate and extensive scrap book system, numbering many volumes containing reports of aerial operations all over the world. The cellar has water power, gas works and an extensive steam and hot air plant, and here, as well as outside, are stored many sets of portable hydrogen gas generators, so that it is possible to operate upon the premises any kind of æronautical experiment with ease, advantage of which has been taken to introduce the novel entertainment of "balloon lawn parties," including free ascensions and captive balloon observations, in which even the children participate.

The latest conspicuous work by the professor has been in connection with the United States government rain-fall operations, the initial experiments of which were first conducted by him at the balloon farm, and next at Washington, D. C., and at Midland, Texas. In addition to the gas apparatus, seventy-four hydrogen balloons, of various sizes for meteorological observations and for explosions, were supplied during the seasons of 1891-2, a single order of ten having in emergency been completed within five days, while to build a single one by any other system formerly required a month.

Of late years Prof. Myers has devoted much time to air-ships, or flying machine experiments, with the result that he has operated during several seasons past a vessel or machine, the "Skycycle," which is the first to appear repeatedly in public and make successful voyages.

During many years a contributor to several prominent newspapers and various scientific and other periodicals, he has also, since 1885, published a four-page illustrated newspaper, *The Balloon Bulletin*, the only periodical in this country devoted to æronautics.

As a gas balloonist he has operated repeatedly in thirty-six counties of New York State, and throughout nineteen States of the Union and the Canadas. His various balloon experiences would make a large and interesting book. Singularly enough he does not consider air sailing as especially dangerous, except with the hot-air balloon and the now prohibited parachute, both of which he condemns as always unsafe. He believes hydrogen gas ballooning to be the most attractive of pastimes and practically safe at all times, with good apparatus, which is confirmed by over twelve hundred ascents occurring under his personal charge without loss of life, limb or property. As a pioneer he was the first to ascend by the use of natural gas from the earth, September 8, 1886, for which the gas, starting from the well at a pressure of seven hundred pounds to the square inch, was brought thirty miles to the balloon. A second ascent, by "Carlotta," followed, made memorable by the highest elevation ever attained by any one in this country, over four miles, and a speed of ninety miles in ninety minutes.

Prof. Myers's latest ascension with natural gas, and the only one made thus far with this medium in New York State, was at Sandy Creek, where the balloon filled directly

from the well to ascertain its power of delivery. This amounted to 10,000 cubic feet in one hour, and as a result of this test the work of development of that gas field has continued, with increasing success.

Prof. Myers has only one child, Bessie Aerial, a bright girl of twelve and a perfect compound of the studious habits of the father and the somewhat more daring characteristics of the mother. As a child, Bessie Aerial made her first balloon ascension, in company with her mother, from Congress Spring Park, Saratoga, N. Y., in 1884, when only three years old, and again accompanied her mother, when seven years old, from Syracuse, N. Y., in a balloon race against another of Prof. Myers's aeronauts. This was her last ascent, except with captive balloons, in company with other children on the occasions of the balloon lawn parties at the "farm." Prof. Myers's latest ascension occurred at Woodstock, Va., October, 1892, with a hydrogen gas ball-on, and on the following day he exhibited there the first air-ship ever floated over Southern soil. As the conclusion derived from unusually extensive information on the subject, and from his own personal efforts, he believes the problems of air navigation are being surely solved by many independent workers, and that before the year 1900 we shall achieve astonishing developments in aeronautics. The most valuable application of the balloon at the present day he believes to be meteorological observations of the upper air, as an essential aid to prognostications by the United States Weather Bureau, or a certain key to the causes of weather changes. In the near future it is more than probable that the observations made from the balloon farm will form the basis of a new system of foretelling approaching changes by the Weather Bureau.

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### DR. WILLIAM MATHER.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. William Mather was born on Barto Hill, one mile from the village of Fairfield, April 28, 1802. He was a direct descendant, in the eighth generation, of John and Ellen Mather, who lived at Lowton, Lancashire county, England, near Liverpool. Richard Mather, the grandson of John and the son of Thomas Mather, preached at Toxteth Chapel, in Liverpool, and came to Boston in 1635. From this origin nearly all of the Mather name in this country have come. He was married to Miss Mary A. Buell, May 24, 1836, whom he survived sixteen years. He is survived by three children, William A. Mather, of Fairfield, Mrs. Albert B. Watkins, of Albany, and Alonzo C. Mather, of Chicago, and five grandchildren.

As a boy Dr. Mather was of thoughtful, studious disposition, and early developed a marked taste for scientific pursuits. He entered Fairfield Academy at the age of fourteen, and continued a member of the school during several years. Even at this age he had done much original work, and early gave promise of the scientific attainments which, in after years, were to make him a valued educator in his special field of work. He afterwards took a full course of study in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Western District, distinguishing himself especially in the study of chemistry, and

<sup>1</sup>Obituary notice in the "Herkimer County Record," March 1, 1894.



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graduated in 1826. He never, however, practiced the profession of medicine, giving as a reason that he could not bear to witness pain and suffering. He preferred, in his modest way, the more quiet life of student and teacher, both noble callings, and for both of which nature had well fitted him. In 1827, at the suggestion of Dr. John A. Kinnecut, of Buffalo, who, during the preceding year, as a resident graduate, had taught a class in chemistry, Dr. Mather formed a class for private examination in the Medical College, and for many years continued his connection with the Medical College.

In 1828 he was invited to give a course of lectures to the academic and theological students at Hamilton, and continued to visit Hamilton for this purpose each year until 1838, when he was appointed Professor of Chemistry in Madison University, now Colgate. From a letter written October 13, 1851, by Stephen W. Taylor, we learn the conditions of the contract. Dr. Mather consented to give instruction to the students of the university for an indefinite term of years, provide and keep in repair his own chemical apparatus, and remove his cabinet of minerals, fossils, and geological specimens from Fairfield to Madison University, in consideration for which he was to receive \$350 per year if he remained five years and eventually donated his cabinet to the university; otherwise he was to receive \$300 per year from the beginning. His chemical apparatus at this time was valued at \$1,000, and his cabinet at \$500. To Dr. Mather the Colgate University owes much of its well-appointed laboratory, and still more to the interest which he aroused and successfully maintained in its scientific departments. This position he filled with success, adding to his lectures on chemistry, instruction in geology, until 1867. In 1841 he received an invitation to accept the professorship of chemistry and Pharmacy in the Medical College at Castleton, Vt., where he gave courses of lectures for several successive years.

The study of natural sciences, especially chemistry, was in its infancy during these years, and instruction was given very rarely except in large schools and the more progressive colleges. The system of lecturing upon scientific subjects throughout the State, in the different places where an interest in them had begun to arise, was entered upon with great zeal by a few pioneers in this branch of learning. Prominent among these pioneer lecturers, including such men as Prof. John W. Hatch, Dr. Austin Flint, Dr. J. M. Wieting, Prof. Mandeville, Prof. Silliman (the older), Dr. Hitchcock, and a few others, we find Dr. Mather, whose subject and specialty was chemistry.

From 1828 to 1860, during such parts of the year as he could spare from his regular duties at Hamilton, he gave courses of lectures in nearly all the towns of the State, notably Buffalo, Albany, Rochester, Oxford, Auburn, Ithaca, Geneseo, Avon, Syracuse, Whitesboro, Galway, Saratoga Springs, Lansingburg, Lyons, Rome, Amsterdam, Herkimer, Troy, Waterford, Utica, Little Falls, Cooperstown, Fort Plain, Schoharie, Hudson, Kingston, Newport, Oswego, Binghamton, Bath, Elmira, Penn Yan, Palmyra, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Norwich, Fulton, Pulaski, Oswego, Waterville, Clinton, Peekskill, Adams, Oneida, and many other places, including also courses of lectures at the Albany State Normal School, and the Young Men's Association of Albany, and the Berkshire Medical College, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

He was a learned and instructive lecturer. As his lectures were illustrated with an ample apparatus, and he was a skillful manipulator, his experiments were invariably

successful. To show the very high value placed upon Dr. Mather as a scientific lecturer, we quote very briefly a few extracts from press notices of years ago:

We congratulate the lovers of science among us on the prospects of a course of lectures on chemistry by the intelligent and experienced lecturer Dr. William Mather.—*Peekskill Republican*, February 25, 1851.

Extracts from a copy of resolutions presented to Dr. Wm. Mather:

*Resolved*, That in the lectures just closed, Mr. M. has shown himself an eminently successful experimenter and thorough master of the principles and details of the science which he teaches.

*Resolved*, That we feel confident in saying to schools and colleges, and the public generally, wherever Dr. M. may lecture, that they will receive an ample equivalent in the solid, interesting and useful instruction which he imparts. Dr. Mather displays no badges of the empiric. He is a plain, interesting and instructive lecturer. He has devoted years of arduous labor to the science of chemistry, and shows a perfect familiarity with his subject. He blends with illustrations that simplicity peculiar to elementary demonstration, while he leads along the mind to comprehend the complicated results of the chemical combinations of elementary principles.—*Fulton Patriot*, September 16, 1847.

As an author he wrote no extended work, but his pen had been active in various directions for many years, and his contributions to local and scientific periodicals were numerous and valuable. Perhaps no other man was so well versed in the early history of this section, especially with reference to its pioneers, and the rise and progress of its educational institutions. His memory was remarkably vivid, enabling him to recall with great accuracy and fullness the incidents which came to his personal knowledge from his earliest years as a resident of the town. His assistance to Mr. Benton, in the preparation of the History of Herkimer county, was invaluable; and many pages of that work were written entirely by Dr. Mather, and for which he did not receive the credit which justly belonged to him.

His series of articles on the origin of Fairfield Seminary, and, later on, a similar series on the history, work and influence of the Medical College, were extensively read and widely copied. Only recently, a paper prepared by him on the Fairfield Medical College, was read before the Utica Historical Society, by a prominent physician of that city, and received high praise. For months previous to his death he was engaged in collecting material and preparing manuscript for the forthcoming History of Fairfield Seminary. His memory was remarkable, especially with reference to events which happened in his youth or early manhood. He took much interest in the genealogy of the early settlers of Fairfield and vicinity, and spent much time in tracing out lines of descent in answer to questions sent to him from people now widely scattered.

He gave valuable assistance in the preparation of biographies of Dr. Asa Gray, Dr. Hadley, and many others whom he knew, either as fellow students or with whom he labored, in after life, as an educator. His penmanship, in the style of half a century ago, was remarkable for its neatness and clearness, resembling copper plate, and the notes which he took, only the Monday before his death, as secretary of the Medical College Board, which annually meets at Little Falls, are an exact counterpart in style

and penmanship to those taken by him in the same capacity when he was first elected secretary in 1840.

No man among the hundreds of distinguished alumni of "Old Fairfield" took greater interest in his alma mater than Dr. Mather. From his early youth he had an intimate acquaintance with all its inner and outer workings.

He took special pains to become acquainted with all its teachers, and was ever ready with his kind encouragement and offers of advice and assistance. When a new teacher was about to commence his duties in the department of physical science, it was his custom to aid him in his first use of the apparatus, and frequently to assist him in his experiments, and the writer of this article will ever hold him in grateful remembrance for much information and help in that department.

So solicitous was he for the prosperity of the school, that he always endeavored to keep in his mind the exact number of students present, and often, at the beginning of each term would watch the number of lights in the building during the first few evenings, in order that he might judge of the prospects of a successful term, anxiously commenting to those whom he met upon the favorable or unfavorable indications. While he was president of the Board of Trustees, he took great interest in the Regents' examinations. He would perform the tiresome duties of a committeeman, and look over the answer papers, and was always regarded by the students as a very pleasant and efficient guardian of the Regents' interests.

In prosperity and adversity the school has found him the same unvarying champion, always ready to work, to contribute funds, and speak for its interests. The teachers have found him a friend and co-worker in the cause of education, and the students a man abounding in knowledge which he was willing to impart.

He had been a trustee of the school since 1853, president of the board for about twenty years, and was a prompt and regular attendant at all the meetings, and an active participant in all discussions relating to its financial and educational matters.

When, a few years ago, the indications were that the seminary was about to close, when many people feared that "Old Fairfield" had done its work and must henceforward be counted among the institutions of the past, Dr. Mather, with earnest solicitude and zeal, labored to bring about the change in management which promised, and has resulted in, the successful and permanent establishment of the school; and he lived to rejoice in the well filled rooms and numerous lights that gleamed from the windows opposite his residence.

He was also an earnest worker in the Protestant Episcopal church, of which he was for many years a vestryman. He was always attentive to every duty, taking, as he did in every good work, an active interest in all church affairs; and it was often remarked by those who knew him best that few men ever lived a more genuine, practical, Christian life than Dr. Mather.

He was a man of perfect honesty, remarkable in his habits of punctuality in all duties, of strict accuracy and system in the execution and record of all business transactions, and of marked kindness of heart. He was ever careful and considerate of the feelings and circumstances of all around him, and the universal testimony of his neighbors and those with whom he came into the most constant personal contact, shows him to have

been a man of unusually broad views and benevolent character. In his latter years he was somewhat afflicted with deafness, but did not lose his deep interest in all current affairs. He read constantly and carefully, and kept well informed on public questions of the day. He was public spirited, and contributed freely of his time and means in support of local projects. He retained to the end of his life the mental faculties of a remarkably well balanced and even brilliant mind. He passed away June 26, 1890, in the fullness of years, esteemed and lamented by the entire community.

### PROFESSOR XERXES ADDISON WILLARD.<sup>1</sup>

Professor X. A. Willard was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., in 1820. His family trace their ancestry to the time of William the Conqueror, A. D. 1085, through Colonel Simon Willard, one of the Puritans from England who settled at Boston in 1634. His father, Dr. N. S. Willard, a prominent physician, died in 1827. After preparatory studies at Fairfield and Cazenovia, X. A. Willard entered Hamilton College in 1841. He was graduated in 1845 and at once began the study of law in the office of Loomis and Nolton at Little Falls.

In 1848 he was married to Miss Harriet L. Hallett of Fairfield, and engaged in farming leaving the farm which his maternal grandfather, Judge Elias Wherry, cleared from the wilderness in 1785, and on which he lived and died.

Professor Willard gave his attention principally to dairy farming, making experiments with milk which have proved highly useful. In 1855-6 he organized the Farmers' Club of Little Falls. From 1858 to 1861 he was the editor of the *Herkimer County Journal*. In 1859 he published the first of his works—"Essays on Agriculture"—began contributing articles on agriculture to periodicals, and wrote for the New York State Agricultural Society a pamphlet on "Cheese Dairying in Herkimer County." From 1860 to 1862 he was canal collector at Little Falls. In 1861 he wrote another pamphlet on dairying for the State Agricultural Society, and in 1862 his work on the "Associated Dairies of New York" was issued by the society, being the first published account of the new dairy system now so generally adopted over the continent.

In 1864 Professor Willard became one of the editors of the *Utica Morning Herald*, and for five years conducted an agricultural department in that paper. He was one of the leading workers in organizing the American Dairymen's Association, and the published reports of that body contain many of his addresses at its conventions.

the Academy of Design, New York City. It is now in the possession of Frank H. Willard of Little Falls, and is considered a faithful likeness. In person Professor Willard was slightly above the average height, of rather full habit and light complexion. Maj. Henry E. Alvord of Maryland, writing to the *Country Gentleman* soon after Professor Willard's death, said: "As a writer and speaker Professor Willard was fluent, entertaining, practical, and both timely and instructive. He was a man of attractive presence, genial manners and interesting conversation, and had hosts







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Frank H. Willard



In 1866 Professor Willard, in the interest of the American Dairymen's Association, traveled extensively over England, Scotland, Ireland, France and Switzerland, observing European methods in dairying. A report of his investigations was published by the Agricultural Department at Washington and caused great improvement in the manufacture of American cheese.

In 1869 he was employed by the Royal Agricultural Society of England to write works on dairying, and he furnished the society with one on "American Butter Factories" and one on "Condensed Milk Manufacture."

In January, 1869, Professor Willard became dairy editor of the *Rural New-Yorker*, and held that position for many years. In 1871 he published "Practical Dairy Husbandry," an octavo volume of nearly 600 pages, which has been recognized at home and abroad as a standard authority on this subject. In 1875 he brought out his "Practical Butter Book," which has long been a standard work on butter making.

Professor Willard was the first to inaugurate the system of "dairy boards of trade." He organized in 1870-71 the New York State Dairymen's Association, of which he was for several years president.

Professor Willard, during his lifetime, delivered a great number of addresses on agricultural topics, speaking at the fairs in nearly every county in the State and frequently in other States, besides delivering courses of lectures at Cornell University and the Maine Agricultural College. He traveled extensively in America as well as in Europe, having crossed the continent in 1870 and 1875, and made a tour of Texas and Colorado in 1873.

Professor Willard's reputation as a writer and speaker on dairy topics was well earned, both at home and abroad, and will endure for all time. The London (England) *Milk Journal* pronounced "Practical Dairy Husbandry 'the most complete, exhaustive and valuable work on the subject ever published.'" The late Dr. Edward Smith, F. R. S., the English author, said, in the *London Standard*, that his work on "Condensed Milk Manufacture" was incomparable "in clearness, detail and correctness."

Professor Willard died suddenly of heart disease in his study, on his farm near Little Falls, on the morning of October 26, 1882. The night previous he was engaged until a late hour in writing an article on the dairy for the "Encyclopedia Britannica," and this was his last work. His widow survives him, living at the family residence, near Little Falls. Of his five children, Frank H. lives at Little Falls; Addison X. and Harriet C. live at the family homestead; Stephen S. resides at Earlville, Ill., where he practices dentistry, and Mary Viola (wife of Hon. Charles F. A. Bielby) at Deland, Fla.

**FRANK HALLETT WILLARD.** The oldest son of Professor X. A. Willard, was born on Hillside farm, near Little Falls, August 4, 1852. He attended the Little Falls Academy and later entered Fairfield Seminary, where he was graduated with honors in 1876. In 1877 he commenced the study of law in the office of Mills and Palmer at Little Falls, soon afterward entering the law department of Hamilton College, from which he was graduated in 1878 and in the same year admitted to the bar.

From 1884 to 1886 Mr. Willard was assistant editor of the *Country Gentleman*, residing at Albany, N. Y. In 1885 he was married to Miss Minnie H. Staples, daughter of Rev. M. W. Staples, of Catskill, N. Y.

In 1887 he removed to Madison, Wis., where, with Col. Walter W. Wharry, he purchased the *Western Farmer*. Col. Wharry soon afterward retired from the firm, and William H. Morrison, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, and Hon. Henry C. Adams, of Madison, were admitted to partnership. Mr. Willard was editor-in-chief and manager of that journal until October, 1890. Under his charge the paper became one of the best of its class published in the Northwest. It was the recognized exponent of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Wisconsin Farmers' Institutes; its circulation was large, and it exerted a wide-spread and well-deserved influence in its chosen field--the advancement of agriculture. In the autumn of 1890 Mr. Willard disposed of his interest in the paper and returned to his native town, where he is engaged in writing for periodicals and in other literary pursuits.

Mr. Willard has traveled quite extensively. In 1882 he made a trip to Europe, spending some time in England and Germany studying their agriculture and agricultural experiment stations; he contributed his observations to the *Country Gentleman* and other journals. The following year he traveled in the Southern States. Mr. Willard resides at the village of Little Falls. He has one son—Staples Xerxes Willard.

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### ALONZO WOOD.

The ancestry of Alonzo Wood may be readily traced back to the hardy New Englanders who first peopled the shores of Massachusetts and Connecticut. His great-grandfather, Ebenezer Wood, died in Somers, Conn., in 1792, at the great age of ninety-three years; the date of his settlement in that State is not known, but it was, of course, very early. Among his children was Stephen Wood, grandfather of Alonzo, who was born in 1730, and died in Monson, Mass., at the age of ninety-six years. He left a record for bravery and heroism in the French and Indian war and performed his part in the peaceful arts that established civilization in the new country. His family of children consisted of Stephen, David, Jonathan, Joseph, Levi, Beulah, Hannah, Lovisa. David was the father of Alonzo, and was born on the 5th of February, 1765, at Monson. He was a farmer by occupation, held the post of captain in the militia, and was a sturdy representative of the New England pioneers. In the year 1792, when he was twenty-seven years old, he came into what is now the town of Winfield, Herkimer county, his path being shown only by marked trees for much of the distance, and settled on the homestead which has ever since been in possession of the family, and is now occupied by Alonzo Wood. The immediate locality became known in early years as "Wood's Corners," two roads crossing near the homestead and a school-house and shops being located near there. David Wood was a man of marked character and became conspicuous and respected in the early community. Before his removal to this county he married Persis Chapin, of Munson. She died in 1801, and he married in the following year Abigail Keep, also of Munson. She died on the 6th of October, 1857, and he died September 7, 1851. Their children were Orrin and Austin (twins), born May 31, 1790; Pamela, born August 20, 1792; Alfred, born June 30, 1795; David, born August 9,

1798; Amasa, born January 15, 1801; the foregoing were all born by the first wife. By his second wife the children were Persis, born May 26, 1805; Hiram, born August 12, 1807; Leander, born December 29, 1810; Alonzo (the subject), born May 11, 1813; Jackson, born November 19, 1815; Abigail, born July 22, 1818; Simeon, born February 2, 1821. The last four are living, Alonzo being the oldest, and now (1892) in his eightieth year.

Alonzo Wood has passed a life of active labor, most of which has been devoted to the tilling of the homestead farm, which he still occupies, and where he has erected a handsome residence across the road from the old dwelling where his father so long lived. He has always taken an intelligent interest in public affairs, but has never sought public office. When the subject of organizing a bank in West Winfield came up for discussion he acted in its favor and was chosen for the position of cashier for the years 1856-7. A few years later he was chosen vice-president, and when Col. D. R. Carrier died, Mr. Wood was chosen president of the bank, which office he still occupies. Although now far advanced in years, he makes daily journeys from his residence to the bank. A man of extended information, inborn integrity, and courteous and sociable under all circumstances, Mr. Wood enjoys in his declining days the unwavering friendship and respect of all who know him.

Mr. Wood was twice married, and of a family of seven children two daughters and a son are living.

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### JAMES B. RAFTER.

John Rafter, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Ireland. He was married to Winifred Connolly, and soon after emigrated to America. Of that marriage six children are now living, four of whom are sons, as follows: the subject of this sketch; Judge E. E. Rafter, the present mayor of the city of Holton, Kansas; Dr. J. A. Rafter, of the same place, and Giles S. Rafter, an attorney and counselor at law, for the past ten years employed in one of the departments at Washington.

James B. Rafter was born at Schenectady, N. Y., June 12, 1842. When he was one year of age his parents removed to the town of Winfield, Herkimer county, N. Y. He received his education at the West Winfield Academy, and after leaving school was engaged for a time in teaching. He was the principal of the union school at West Winfield, and was also the principal of the high school at Conners' Mills, Missouri. Returning from the South, he engaged for a few years in farming, and served as a justice of the peace in the town of Bridgewater, Oneida county, for one year, when he resigned the office, and commenced the study of law in the office of S. S. Morgan, at West Winfield, in November, 1867, and so assiduously pursued his studies that he passed his examination and was admitted to the bar in October, 1868. He was subsequently admitted to practice in the United States courts.

In 1871 he established an office at Mohawk, N. Y., where he is still in active practice, and has been engaged in much of the important litigation of his vicinity.

In November, 1871, he was married to Miss Georgie B. Palmer, of Spottsylvania county, Va.

In his profession he has reached a position wholly to his credit, and is recognized as a well-read and painstaking lawyer, devoted to the interests of his clients, and gives to every case his careful and personal preparation.

In politics he is an earnest and active Democrat, and has given his party his services as an orator in every presidential campaign since his majority, but has never sought political office. He has served as the president of the village of Mohawk, and as president of the Board of Education. Since early manhood Mr. Rafter has been a staunch friend of the cause of temperance, and has delivered many lectures in Central New York and in the West for its promotion. He has also lectured quite extensively upon educational and kindred subjects. He is a trustee of Fairfield Seminary and Military Academy, and is assigned as one of the lecturers in the law department of that flourishing institution of learning. In a business way he is wholly a self-made man, never having received aid from any source.

He is at present the president of the Mohawk and Ilion Street Railroad Company, and the president of the Mohawk Valley Hotel Company. He was prominently instrumental in organizing the Mohawk Valley Knitting Mills, and the Knitting Company of Mohawk, and is the secretary of both of those successful business corporations, and is a director in the board of each. He is a prominent Mason, and has been the master of his lodge, and is a Knight Templar. He is one of the vestrymen of Grace church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rafter have three children, as follows: J. Ernest Rafter, now twenty years of age, a graduate of Fairfield Seminary, and now a student in the University of the City of New York, preparing for the profession of the law; Clara W., and Leora May, both living at home with their parents.

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## ROBERT MACKINNON

Was born in Cohoes, Nov. 1, 1853. He is of Scotch ancestry, his father, Alexander MacKinnon, being a native of Hawick, Scotland. His father married Catherine Morton, of Hawick, and not long afterwards came to America. He was a rib knitter by trade, and settled in Cohoes, where the manufacture of knit goods was largely carried on. He died in Cohoes in 1858, when the subject of this sketch was only five years old, leaving a family of three children, Robert, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, the wife of John Smith, a member of the firm of the Little Falls Wool Extract Co., and Miss Belle MacKinnon, who is assisting Mr. MacKinnon in the management of his business.

Mr. MacKinnon received what is termed a common school education; and at an early age began working in the mills of Cohoes. Until he was twenty-one years of age he continued to work in the factory, at which time his ambition prompted him to enter another field, and he began to study law. Into this he plunged with all his natural ardor, but circumstances induced him to take charge of a department in one of the large knitting mills. He remained in this position two years. In 1881, the end of this



period, he united with Robt. Ablett and Walter Hume, both of Cohoes, and formed the firm of Ablett, MacKinnon & Co., and came to Little Falls, where they began the manufacture of knit goods in the mill where Eugene Walrath is now, 1893, manufacturing. In 1887 Mr. MacKinnon retired from the firm and began business in the same line in the building formerly occupied by W. H. Waters as a lumber yard. He soon developed further the admirable business qualifications which had already been demonstrated, and under his untiring energy and enterprise, success followed in a most satisfactory degree. His trade extended very rapidly, and in the year 1890 a new mill was finished, which is now running to its full capacity, and ranks as the largest in the world on his line of goods. From a list of employees reaching about seventy-five in 1887, he now employs six hundred. The character of his product occupies a high position in the market. The pay roll amounts to over \$8,000 every two weeks. He manufactures all grades of cotton, wool and camel's-hair underwear for children.

Mr. MacKinnon is a Republican in politics, but his exacting business duties, as well as his natural tastes, have prevented him from taking an active position in that field. He is at the present time a member of the school board of the village. He is a member of the Baptist church, and the superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. MacKinnon is a public spirited citizen, and has been constant in his efforts to advance the best interests of Little Falls.

His immediate family consists of his wife, formerly Ella Severson, of Cohoes, and three children, Mollie, Isabel and Marguerite.

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## RUGENE WALRATH

Was born in the town of St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, on the 13th of February, 1845. He comes of German ancestry, who were the early settlers of the valley. His father was Martin Walrath, who was a native of St. Johnsville and a respectable farmer, and died in that town in 1885. His mother was Julia Flanders, of Fulton county, and she died in 1892. They had twelve children, as follows: James, now living on the homestead farm; Harlan, deceased; Martha, deceased; Martin, now living in St. Johnsville; Eugene, the subject (the two latter were twins); Charles, deceased; Mary, married Romeyn Youran, of St. Johnsville, and living; Adam, a physician, living at Lassellsville, Fulton county; Joseph, living in St. Johnsville; Alvin, in business with Eugene at Little Falls; George, living at St. Johnsville, and Edwin, who died in infancy.

Rugene Walrath received his education in the district schools, supplemented with three months in a commercial school, which he left at eighteen years of age. He had previous to that time served as a clerk for a period in a store in St. Johnsville, and had determined that he would follow mercantile business. After leaving the commercial school he clerked a few years at St. Johnsville, and then entered the employ of Burch & Company, of Little Falls, in a similar capacity. In 1873 he went into the office of the Little Falls Knitting Mill Company, of which Titus Sheard was president, to serve

as book-keeper. Here he continued about six years until 1879, when he was elected president of the company, succeeding Mr. Sheard. This position he filled with efficiency until 1886, when he resigned and became associated with J. J. Gilbert in the organization of the Astoronga Knitting Mill. Here he remained until 1891, when on 1st of June he left that mill, and in July he took the old mill formerly operated by Green & Girvan under a lease, fitted it up with knitting machinery and gave it the name of the Riverside Knitting Mills. The mill was started in October of that year, and is run chiefly in the manufacture of what are known as French Balbriggan cotton underwear. The business during its short term of existence has been successful, and promises to develop under Mr. Walrath's energetic management into a large establishment. About 100 hands are now (1892) employed. In the various positions of a business character, the duties of which have been entrusted to Mr. Walrath, he has demonstrated his possession of habits of industry and capacity to direct enterprises of broad scope, while his business intercourse with others has been marked by principles of integrity and honorable dealing.

Mr. Walrath is independent in politics, but was formerly a Democrat. His first political office was justice of the peace; he was elected supervisor in 1882 and held the office for six years, viz.: 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886 and 1888. It is remarkable that three times he was elected by the Democrats without an opposing candidate. He served as trustee of the village one term and was on the school board one term. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Walrath's public services in these various offices have been such as to gain the approval of the community and to promote its welfare.

Mr. Walrath was married on the 11th of October, 1876, to Ida E. Lewis, daughter of George H. Lewis, of Utica. They have three children, Harlan, Raymond and Eugene.

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## WILLIAM D. GARLOCK, M. D.

The first of the family of this name to come to America immigrated with the German Palatines who settled first on the Hudson river and later in Schoharie, and still later in the Mohawk valley, of whom the reader has learned in early pages of this volume. Whether the family of Garlocks came directly from the Palatine or not is an unsettled question. It is probable that the original immigrant was named Christopher, who with his descendants was prominent in the early struggles of the patriots along the Mohawk in their irrepressible conflict with the Indians and their no less relentless white foes, as well as in the peaceful labors of clearing and tilling farms. Descended from these pioneers, through his great-grandfather Adam, is Nelson Garlock, who was born in the town of Manheim and is still living. He has been a successful farmer and enjoys the respect of the community in which he is so well known. He married Catharine Yoran, who is descended from the Snell and the Timmerman families, members of both of which acted conspicuously in the early events occurring in the Mohawk valley. She is still living. Their children were four, as follows: Marguerite, married to James

Rodney Douglass, of Hunter, N. Y.; Mary E., married to Harry Golden, of Little Falls; Kate; and the eldest, William D., the subject, born April 2, 1855.

William D. Garlock inherits the sturdy characteristics of his ancestors. To this fact may be credited to a considerable degree his unusual capacity for work and study, which has enabled him, at a comparatively early age, to attain his present honorable position in his profession. Leaving the district schools he attended the Little Falls Academy two years, finishing there in 1871, when sixteen years of age. In December of that year he entered the Hungerford Collegiate Institute at Adams, N. Y., where he graduated in July, 1874. After two years passed at his home, and when his decision was formed to make the practice of medicine his life-work, he entered Cornell University for a special two years' course in laboratory work and dissection under Professor Burt G. Wilder, preparatory to beginning his medical studies, which he took up on leaving the university in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city. He graduated from the latter college in 1881 and in November of that year settled permanently in Little Falls. While in New York he studied physical diagnosis under Zemansky, at the out door poor department of Bellevue Hospital, pathological anatomy under Delafield and Pruden, and post mortem examination under George Peabody at the New York Hospital. With his exceptional capacity for hard study and rapid mental assimilation, it will be readily understood that Dr. Garlock carried out his determination to neglect no effort that would contribute to his future professional ability and attainments and that through such effort he accomplished his purpose. In Little Falls he soon secured the recognition to which he was entitled, both in and out of his profession. He has been a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society since 1882; a member of the New York State Medical Association since 1885, and president of its First Branch in 1892. He was a member of the International Medical Congress in 1887, and was chosen president of the Herkimer County Medical Society in 1890. In these various professional positions Dr. Garlock has demonstrated his fitness to fill them with honor to himself and for the welfare of the organizations.

It has been Dr. Garlock's practice—a practice cultivated because of his natural love for the work—to always investigate and study the causes of diseases, looking upon that knowledge as the best foundation for success in any line of practice. This has led him to write somewhat upon medical topics and many of his papers have found professional acceptance when read by him before various medical societies. When vice-president of the County Medical Society, in December, 1885, he read a paper on "The Alkaloids of Decomposition," in which he treated of their importance in the study of typhoid fever, etc. The views presented in this paper were somewhat in advance of the accepted knowledge of the time, but they are now generally received by the profession. He has frequently presented papers at various meetings of the County Medical Society on various subjects connected with the progress of medicine and the pathology and treatment of diseases. Before the State Medical Association he read a paper on "Typhoid Fever in Children," and another before the same association on "The Origin and Medicinal Treatment of Uric Acid Calculus of the Kidneys."

In 1892 he reported to the State Medical Society a conspicuous case of "Cancer of the Liver Complicated by Gall Stones and Renal Calculi." When chosen president of

the county society Dr. Garlock's address was upon "Aphasia" and while a vice-president of the State Medical Association the same subject was further pursued in an address on "The Action of the Brain as Revealed by Recent Studies of Aphasia."

The foregoing facts will demonstrate to the professional reader that Dr. Garlock's position among his medical brethren is one of merited distinction, while his career among his many patients has been such as to win their confidence and respect. In politics he is independent with Democratic leanings, but takes only the part devolving upon all good citizens in the political field. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Garlock illustrates the great truth that a physician's studies should end only with his life. It is conceded by his medical associates that there is not in Herkimer county a more faithful or intelligent student, and it necessarily follows that the successful beginning of his professional life foreshadows greater eminence and honor in coming years.

With a wife lovely in person and character, and intelligent, dutiful and affectionate children, the future is full of promises of happiness for him and his.

Dr. Garlock was married on the 22d of November, 1881, to Gertrude Bidleman, daughter of Major Morgan Bidleman, of Manheim, who was one of the most liberal-minded and successful of farmers, as well as a genial gentleman of rare social and business qualities. He was very influential in town and county affairs, and his advice was sought by many. Her mother was Ann Windecker, a direct descendant of Han Yost Petrie, one of the Palatine settlers. Dr. and Mrs. Garlock have three children: Morgan Bidleman, Louise and Gertrude Catharine.

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## EUGENE E. SHELDON.

The ancestors of the subject of this sketch came originally from England at an early date and settled in Rhode Island, where Joseph Sheldon, the great-grandfather of Eugene, was born in 1743. At some time prior to 1766, Joseph Sheldon moved to Dover, Dutchess county, N. Y., and there, in the year 1766, married Ruth Aikin, of Pawling, Dutchess county, but whose birth-place was also Rhode Island. Joseph Sheldon, after living for a time in Dutchess county, moved with his family to Willsborough, Essex county, N. Y., locating on a farm upon the shore of Lake Champlain, where he died in 1836, aged ninety-two; his wife Ruth died in 1832, aged ninety. Edmund Sheldon, grandfather of Eugene, was born in Dutchess county in 1769, moved with his father, about 1781, to Willsborough, was married 1797 to Mary Ann Haight, and died in 1850, aged eighty-one. Mary Ann, his wife, the grandmother of Eugene, died in 1880, aged ninety-nine years and eight months.

Aikin Edmund Sheldon, the father of Eugene, was born at Willsborough in 1804, on the farm on which his grandfather first located, and on a portion of which he is still residing. On January 17, 1833, he married Phoebe Perry, a native of Essex county, born September 19, 1804, and who died April 4, 1887. Aikin Edmund and Phoebe

P. Sheldon, his wife, had seven children, four of whom, besides Eugene, are still living. The eldest, Amelia, is the wife of Silas S. Lee, esq., and resides at Five Lakes, Michigan. The next eldest, Augustus C. Sheldon, is a lawyer by profession, and resides at Minneapolis, Minn. He is also interested in irrigation enterprises, and is president of the Rio Verde Canal Company of Arizona, one of the largest and most important irrigation enterprises in that territory. The other living children of Aikin Sheldon besides Eugene are two daughters, both younger, Charlotte M. and Emma A. Charlotte M. is the wife of G. W. Lee, esq., and both sisters reside on the homestead in Willsborough, N. Y.

Eugene E. Sheldon was born in Willsborough, Essex county, N. Y., June 13th, 1844. He acquired sufficient preparatory education for admission to college by attending the excellent common schools in the vicinity of his home, and afterwards the academies at Essex, N. Y., and Barre, Vt. He entered Middlebury College, at Middlebury, Vt., in 1866, and was graduated with honors from that institution in 1869. While in college Mr. Sheldon became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon society, one of the leading college societies in this country. In September, 1869, Mr. Sheldon commenced teaching in the academy at Little Falls, N. Y., and continued during the school years of 1869-70 and 1879-71, during the latter and greater part of that period as principal.

In October, 1871, he entered the Columbia College Law School, from which he was graduated in 1873, and in June of the same year was admitted to the bar at a General Term of the Supreme Court held at Buffalo. In the fall of 1873 he opened an office in Little Falls, where he has ever since continued in the active practice of his profession. Beginning practice alone, he was afterwards in partnership, from June, 1882, to August, 1888, with Sidney W. Petrie. In politics Mr. Sheldon is a Republican, and has done good service for his party.

His standing in his profession, and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens, led to his election to the office of district attorney, which he held from January 1st, 1886, to January 1st, 1889. In November, 1889, he was elected county judge and surrogate, and is still the incumbent of that office. It is not too much to state that Judge Sheldon has performed the duties of his official positions with honor to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. As a lawyer he has attained success by fidelity, hard work, and persevering devotion to his business. While in the office of district attorney he was engaged in the trial of several cases of importance, among them being the concluding labors of the prosecution in the famous Druse murder case, resulting in the first execution in Herkimer county. Another capital case in which he supported the cause of the people was that of Mondon, which was sent back for a new trial. The prisoner finally plead guilty to murder in the second degree, and is now in prison for life. In the civil case of Veeder against the village of Little Falls, to recover for the death of her husband who was drowned in the canal, several new points of law were brought up, and the case was carried to the Court of Appeals. Judge Sheldon won for his client a judgment of \$4,000. Another important civil case which he conducted was that of Leonard A. Brockett, of Salisbury, against the New Jersey Steamboat Company, for injuries received. A verdict was obtained for \$5,500. Motion was made for a new trial, and the appeal was carried to the United States

Supreme Court, where the judgment was affirmed; this case is reported in the United States Supreme Court Reports.

In the office of county judge, Mr. Sheldon bears a reputation for fairness and impartiality, and a knowledge of the law which render his decisions acceptable to the bar and highly creditable to his ability as a magistrate.

Judge Sheldon was married April 3, 1872, to Fannie Lovell Ward, daughter of Alva and Phila L. Ward, of Little Falls. They have two children, Francis Eugene, born May 31, 1873, and Louise Dorothy, born April 2, 1876.

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### MORGAN C. CRIST.

Philip Crist was born in Orange county, N. Y., February 7, 1783, and came with his parents to the town of Fairfield, Herkimer county, in the spring of 1795, and settled upon a farm about one and one-half miles southwest of Fairfield village. Here he worked upon his father's farm for several years. He then learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, at which he worked for a number of years. He married Lydia Jackson, oldest daughter of Jacob Jackson, and at the death of his father, he with Stephen, his older brother, bought the farm and in a few years Philip obtained full possession of the old homestead, which he held until the time of his death, January 19, 1872. Philip and Lydia Crist had four children: Abram, born May 24, 1815, died December 15, 1840; Jacob J., born June 9, 1819, died May 13, 1892; Hawley, born September 30, 1827, died July 28, 1852; and the subject, Morgan C. Crist, was born near Fairfield village, June 10, 1822. He lived upon the farm with his parents, working and attending the district school until he was fifteen years of age. He then entered the seminary at Fairfield and took a course of three years, obtaining quite a liberal education. At the age of eighteen years he commenced teaching and taught several terms very successfully. At the age of twenty-two he was elected to the office of town superintendent of common schools, which office he held five years. On the 19th of September, 1850, he married Maria Louesa Brayton, daughter of Daniel Brayton, a resident of the town of Fairfield. On account of Mr. Brayton's feeble health, and a desire that his daughter should be near him, by his solicitation they decided to remain with him and occupy the old homestead on which Mrs. Crist was born, until the death of her father, which occurred February 4, 1869. During this time Mr. Crist held many town offices, among them commissioner of highway, nine years; supervisor, two years; justice of the peace, four years. He spent much of his time in official business, and his judgment and advice were often sought in business matters. In 1869 Mr. Crist purchased a small farm near Middleville, upon which he erected a house and moved into it March 2, 1870, and being extensively interested in real estate, now spends most of his time looking after his farms. Mr. and Mrs. Crist have one son, Daniel B., born November 4, 1856. He was married to Nette Jackson, December 11, 1883. A man of liberal education, an intelligent thinker upon current events, a strong character founded and built upon principles of integrity, Mr. Crist has always lived in the enjoyment of the esteem and respect of all who know him.

Daniel Brayton, father of Mrs. Crist, was born in Smithfield, R. I., January 7, 1785; in 1793 he moved with Stephen Brayton, his father, to Adams, Mass., and in 1808 they came to Fairfield, N. Y., and purchased a farm in the Arnold neighborhood, in the south part of the town, upon which he lived till the time of his death. Daniel Brayton was a prominent man in his time, having been called by his fellow-citizens to fill the most important offices in town. He also at one time held the office of captain of a company of infantry, and on the 10th day of April, 1822, he was appointed major of the Fortieth Regiment of Infantry, of the State of New York, by Governor De Witt Clinton, a title which he held during the remainder of his life.

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### THE HINCKLEY FAMILY.

Elijah Hinckley, born March 25, 1765, and Gardner Hinckley (1st), born October 19, 1766, sons of Samuel Hinckley (5th) and his wife, Mary Vincent Hinckley, were born in Pomfret, Conn. They were descended from Samuel Hinckley (1st), who, according to old records, "emigrated from England in the latter part of March, 1635, in the ship *Hercules*, of 200 tons, from Pemberton, County of Kent, not far from London. He first settled in Scituate, Mass., where he continued to reside until 1639, when he, together with the larger part of Minister Lathrop's congregation, removed to Barnstable, Cape Cod, within the limits of Plymouth Colony. One of his sons was for many years Governor of Plymouth Colony."

The two brothers, Elijah and Gardner, were taught the carpenter's trade. They came to Russia, then a part of Norway, to what was then called "Kingsland," a part of "The Royal Grant," about 1796. Tradition says that they brought axes with them on their journey to help clear the way through the forest. On October 8, 1796, Elijah Hinckley and Elisha Pool bought 400 acres of land of John Pettit, near what is now the village of Gravesville, paying therefor 307£. Soon after Gardner Hinckley bought out the interest of Mr. Pool in the land, and it was divided between the two brothers, each receiving about 200 acres. These farms are now in the possession of some of the descendants of Elijah Hinckley, and are still known as the Hinckley farms. The brothers cleared some land, built houses of logs and returned to Rhode Island to be married. The comfortable farm house which Gardner soon after built on his farm is still standing, in good preservation and still painted red. He is described by those who knew him well as a tall man of gracious and pleasing address, energetic in his business, hospitable and generous and a cordial friend. He died at his home in Russia in 1842 of the dreadful scourge that swept through that region, called the "black tongue." His wife died in 1826. They had no children.

Elijah Hinckley married Sally Vincent, born in 1770, of Westerly, R. I. The Vincent family trace their descent from William Vincent (1st), who emigrated from England about 1660. The family was well connected in England, and old painted pictures of the coat-of-arms of the Vincent family, which they presumably brought from England with them, are still in the possession of their descendants. There is a legend



about one of the family, who was a Christian martyr about the beginning of the fourth century.

William Vincent (1st) settled in Greenwich, R. I. One of his sons, Nicholas, married his stepsister, Elizabeth Reynolds, whose father, Robert Reynolds (second husband of William Vincent's widow), was "one of the judges on the bench at the condemnation of Charles the First, and who, on the death of Oliver Cromwell, came to America with a number of the other judges and settled North Kingston, now called Exeter, R. I." One of the ten children of Nicholas and Elizabeth Vincent was Mary, who married Samuel Hinckley (5th), the father of Elijah Hinckley, and another was Dr. William Vincent, sr., of Westerly, R. I., who was the father of Sally, who married Elijah Hinckley. Elilah and Sally, his wife, settled in what is now the town of Russia in 1796 or 1797. They soon built a good frame house and acquired a comfortable estate. They had several children, of whom two only, Samuel (7th), born . . . . . 1801, and Gardner (2d), born October 2, 1808, survived their infancy. Sally Hinckley died in December, 1808, and for his second wife Elijah Hinckley married Zeruah Sarviah Vincent, his sister-in-law. She had no children. He was an invalid for many years and lived quietly on his farm, much respected for his integrity. He died March 29, 1822. Mrs. Hinckley died at the homestead June 8, 1847.

Samuel Hinckley (7th) married Mary S. Atwood, born at Saratoga, N. Y., daughter of Esek and Margaret Sackrider Atwood, in January, 1840. They had one son, Elijah Gardner, who was born in 1842, and who died in 1870. Elijah G. married Martha Johnson, of Williston, Vt. They had two children, Anson Johnson, who died, aged fourteen years, and Mary Agnes, now living. In his early manhood Samuel Hinckley was a superintendent of railroad building, associated with his friend, Mr. Charles Case, but losing his health, he bought the home farm in Russia of his brother and lived there until his death in 1873. His wife died there in 1875.

Gardner Hinckley (2d) inherited a delicate constitution. He lived at home on the farm until the death of his father, when, being in his fourteenth year, he chose William Graves, of Gravesville, for his guardian, and spent some of his time with him, going to school. At the age of sixteen he bought his brother's share in the home farm and went in business for himself. His opportunities for education in his boyhood were limited, but he had a love of reading and study which continued all through his life, and in his busiest years he spent many hours with his books. In September, 1829, he married Elizabeth Atwood, born August 7, 1810, daughter of Esek and Margaret Sackrider Atwood. Esek Atwood was born not far from Burlington, Vt. He was well educated, and was for many years a teacher. His first wife, mother of Elizabeth Hinckley, was born of Quaker parentage in Upper Canada. In 1843 Esquire Atwood moved to the town of Wilmurt and lived there many years and held various town offices. He was supervisor, justice many times, etc. He died at the home of his son Thomas, in New Rochelle, N. Y., about 1862. Gardner and Elizabeth Hinckley had six children, two of whom died in infancy. The survivors are Samuel Gardner, Caroline Dyer (Mrs. John W. Stanton), Mary Elizabeth and Sarah Helen, all living in Hinckley, N. Y. Samuel G. married Sarah Fern, of Montgomery county. They have five children living, Emma Josephine, Elijah Gardner, Edward Fern, Samuel, and Theodore Ballou.



About 1837 Gardner Hinckley (2d) left the farm and became agent and business manager for A. K. Morehouse, who owned large tracts of forest land in the counties of Herkimer and Hamilton, and from 1838 to 1840 he lived for about a year at Piseco Lake, in Hamilton county. For the pure air, pure water and charming scenery of the Adirondack region he had an enthusiastic fondness, and he was confident that the time would come when its esthetic and sanitary advantages would be appreciated. In 1840 he moved to Wilmurt and built a saw-mill and planing-mill on the West Canada Creek near "Hinckley" bridge. Much of the lumber made there was carted to Utica or to Herkimer, over thirty miles. He lived in Wilmurt until 1854, when he moved to the place now called Hinckley. He was supervisor of Wilmurt for several terms and he held other town offices. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1853-1854. About 1848, in partnership with Theodore P. Ballou, of Utica, he built a gang saw-mill, planing-mill, etc., running by water power, on the West Canada Creek, in what is now the village of Hinckley (so named in 1891 in his memory), and he continued in the lumber business until his death. This mill, which was known through all the region as the Gang Mill, had at the time when it was built the largest capacity of any water power mill in that part of the State, being able to saw about five million feet of spruce lumber in a year without running nights. At that time—1848—there was no railroad nearer than Utica, eighteen miles distant. Mr. Hinckley was a Methodist and a temperance man, inheriting the conscientiousness of his ancestors. He was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, and from that time a Republican. He was a man of medium stature, agreeable address, genial temperament, strict integrity, and amiable disposition, kind and generous in every relation of life. He was unaffected and sincere in manner, and dignified, but not austere. He was deliberate in judgment, although his mental processes were rapid, and he expressed his thoughts with clearness and force. During the fifty years that he was in active business he never had a law-suit that came to trial. He was greatly beloved by his friends and respected by all in his social and business relations. His council was often sought and cheerfully given. He was the sympathizing friend of young people, in whose happiness, education and advancement he was cordially interested. While his own will was strong and his ideals high, he was tolerant in his judgment of those who were easily tempted, and tender and helpful toward the erring and unfortunate. He died March 15, 1875. Mrs. Hinckley died September 12, 1874.

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### JOHN W. STANTON

Was born August 31, 1814, in Belchertown, Mass. He was a son of Randal Stanton, a Baptist minister whose father was Robert Stanton of Revolutionary fame. Robert Stanton was a Baptist minister and a prominent man in Stonington, Conn., where he erected a church. The family is of English descent, and they trace their ancestry to the coming of Thomas Stanton to America in 1635. Thomas Stanton was interpreter general of the New England colonies. At Stonington, Conn., he built a trading post. J. W. Stanton was reared on a farm, but early in life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which

he followed until thirty years of age. He had the largest distilling establishment in Norwich, Conn., at that time, and it was reputed to be the largest in the State, doing much government work. He married Betsey, daughter of William and Esther (Gray) Kimball. She died in 1844. They had one son, William H., who for a number of years was merchant and book-keeper for the firm of Hinckley & Ballou at Hinckley, N. Y. In 1844 Mr. J. W. Stanton came to Salisbury, N. Y., and engaged in lumbering at Jerseyfield Lake, and built two saw-mills and a planing-mill there. He remained there until the fall of 1848, when, sharing in the first gold excitement, he went to California, sailing in January, 1849. He went by way of Vera Cruz, through Mexico, the journey taking about five months. He returned to Herkimer county in the next year and resumed his lumbering business and continued it until 1856, when he went to Gray, N. Y., and became one of the firm of Ladue, Stanton & Company, leather manufacturers. He remained at Gray five years. He thence came to Hinckley, and has resided at the Hinckley homestead in that village. He engaged in lumbering for the firm of Hinckley & Ballou in 1861, and remained in that business until 1885, when he retired. He was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, and since that time he has been a Republican. January 22, 1857, he married Caroline D., a daughter of Gardner Hinckley, of Hinckley. Mr. Stanton is a Presbyterian.

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### ALBERT M. MILLS.

The ancestry of the subject of this sketch were of Scotch and English origin. His grandfather was from Connecticut, of English descent, and an early settler in New Hartford, Oneida county, N. Y., being a contemporary of Hugh White, the father of Whitestown. His father was Dan C. Mills, a native of New Hartford and a respectable farmer. He died at New Hartford in 1883, at the age of eighty-five years. His mother was Jane Campbell, whose father, John Campbell, was also from Connecticut, and of Scotch descent, and settled in New Hartford at about the same time with Mr. Mills. He lived to a great age, two records giving it respectively as 99 and 101 years. The sturdy characteristics of this ancestry are transmitted to the son and are sufficient to account for his mental strength and his great capacity for work.

Albert M. Mills was born in New Hartford, Oneida county, N. Y., September 10, 1841. He was given excellent opportunities to secure an education, which he improved to the utmost, with the exception of an intermission to answer the call of his country in the late war. After the customary period in the district school and a short term in the Sauquoit Academy, he prepared for college at Fairfield Seminary and entered Amherst College. In the second (Sophomore) year and soon after the breaking out of the war (August, 1861) he enlisted as a private in the Eighth New York Cavalry, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac until the establishment of peace in 1865. Mr. Mills remained with the command through its whole period of service, which he left with an honorable discharge and the rank of lieutenant. This is not the place to enter upon the details of so long a period of active service in the army. Those who are fa-





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miliar with the work of the cavalry arm of the great Eastern branch of the armies of the Union will not need to be informed what it meant to pass through four years of active service therein. Mr. Mills endured the hardships of the soldier with the fortitude born of great physical strength and personal bravery. He was twice wounded—once by a saber cut across his hand in a personal encounter, and once by a shot in the leg, while on more than one occasion he escaped bullets that left their marks in his clothing. He was taken prisoner, with 130 others, by the notorious Mosby, but the oncoming of the battle of Opequan enabled them to escape after twenty-four hours' confinement.

Returning from the army in August, 1865, he contemplated finishing his collegiate course, but the long interruption in his studies and an ardent desire to enter actively upon the profession which he has since followed, led him to abandon that plan and he entered the Michigan University Law School in 1865 and graduated therefrom in June, 1867. In the fall of the same year he was admitted to the bar in this State, having in the meantime become a student in the office of Hon. George A. Hardin at Little Falls. He began practice in 1868 in Newport, Herkimer county, N. Y., where he remained until 1875. From the very outset of his career Mr. Mills felt a deep interest in politics and his natural and acquired qualifications equipped him thoroughly for active work in that field. He is a ready and forcible speaker, has always kept abreast of the times and conversant with all matters of public interest, and it is not, therefore, remarkable that he has attained success in politics. He has always been a steadfast Republican, and in every campaign since 1868 he has been a prominent and aggressive factor and his influence, particularly in his own Congressional district, has been powerful for the advancement of the principles of Republicanism and the success of candidates of that party. In the fall of 1870, in recognition of his ability as a lawyer, his considerable experience in dealing with the cases of criminals, and his earnest efforts in the political field, Mr. Mills was elected district attorney of Herkimer county, beginning his term of service January 1, 1871. This office he held two terms of three years each, and it is sufficient and no disparagement to other officials, to state that never for a like period were the criminal cases of Herkimer county more efficiently conducted. At least three important capital cases came into his hands, and convictions were secured in all. He retired from the office still more firmly established in the confidence of his fellow-citizens and with his legal reputation greatly enhanced.

In the fall of 1879 Mr. Mills secured the nomination and was elected to the State Senate, where he remained one term. In that body he was a member of the judiciary committee, which, among other matters, performed very important work on the new Code of Civil Procedure, which was adopted during that time. Judge William H. Robertson, of Westchester county, was chairman of the committee. Mr. Mills was also chairman of the committee on corporations, before which came important legislation. In the great contest over the election of United States Senator, after the resignation of Mr. Conkling and the resulting election of Senator Warner Miller, Mr. Mills was an active and efficient participant.

Retiring from the Senate, Mr. Mills gave his undivided attention to his large and increasing law practice, except as he was called into the service of his party in the various campaigns. In the fall of 1892 he barely escaped the nomination for Congress, and, while it is not the province of the biographer to write prophecy, it cannot be out of place to hazard the prediction that in the near future Mr. Mills will receive further honors from his party if he will accept them.

From the time when he began practice in Little Falls (1875) Mr. Mills was a partner with Mr. Charles J. Palmer and Mr. Kendrick E. Morgan, of the firm of Mills, Palmer & Morgan. This firm was dissolved in 1885, and he subsequently practiced alone until January 1, 1893, when he became a member of the prominent law firm of Kennedy, Tracy, Mills & Ayling, of Syracuse, N. Y. He stills retains his residence and an office in Little Falls.

Mr. Mills's most prominent characteristics are indomitable energy and perseverance, large mental capacity and inborn uprightness and integrity. While easy and courteous with those who approach him, his quickness of thought and ready apprehension of what is said to him give him at times a manner of brusqueness. But his persistence in the study and preparation of his cases and the natural intuition that enables him to see both their weak and their strong features, are well known among his brethren at the bar and his clients.

Mr. Mills was married in 1872 to Mary Barry, of Newport, Herkimer county. She is a daughter of the late Standish Barry, who was assistant United States treasurer under Francis E. Spinner during the war period.

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### ALPHONZO DELOS MARSHALL

Was born in the town of Trenton, Oneida county, N. Y., January 8, 1819. His father was Romeo Marshall, a respected farmer, and his mother was Miss Harriet Van Antwerp. As a boy A. D. Marshall was brought up on his father's farm, and formed those habits of industry and practical labor to which he adhered through life. When he reached his majority he engaged in business in Frankfort village with the late John Stillwell, and in 1845 the firm removed to Mohawk. They carried on a successful mercantile business together for eighteen years, until 1867, when Mr. Stilwell retired, and Reuben Walker became a member of the firm. Not long afterward Mr. Marshall sold his interest in the business to Mr. Walker and retired from mercantile pursuits. In his business career Mr. Marshall followed the strict rules of integrity which underlie all honorable success, and by his uprightness, fairness and liberality won the good will of all with whom he had business relations. His natural business qualifications and the confidence felt in him by the community brought him a large measure of success.

Mr. Marshall was a man of unusual public spirit, and his substantial aid and generous support were always freely given to any measure of public improvement which received his sanction. His interest in public affairs led him to considerable activity in politics, though not in any sense as a mere partisan. A Republican of the staunchest character, he found ample favor from that party, and in 1872 was called as a candidate



for the office of county treasurer and elected. So satisfactory was his administration of the duties of the responsible trust that he was recalled and served the second term. Other political preferment was tendered him, and he filled acceptably the several village offices which he was asked to fill. The confidence of the business community in Mr. Marshall was shown in his selection as president of the Mohawk Valley Hotel Company, treasurer of the Mohawk and Ilion Railroad Company and director of the National Mohawk Valley Bank. In these several stations he exhibited those prudent and sagacious business qualifications which had contributed so much to his previous personal success, and by his genial, warm-hearted temperament won a place in the hearts of his associates that was equally gratifying to them and to himself. At a meeting of the board of directors of the National Mohawk Valley Bank soon after his death, a series of resolutions was adopted in eulogy of the deceased, in which appeared the following expression: "That in his decease the National Mohawk Valley Bank has lost a wise and discreet member of its board of directors, the social circle in which he moved has lost a contributor to its enjoyment, and society at large has lost a member whose excellence of heart, rare gifts of goodness, unostentatious charity and liberal benefactions render his loss a public calamity. As a man he was honorable and enthusiastic; as a citizen he was large-hearted and liberal; as a friend he was true, loyal, genial and consistent; as a business man he was honest, and hated fraud and artifice with an undisguised detestation; in his family circle he was indulgent, affectionate and lovable." Similar expressions were also made by the Masonic lodge, of which he was an honored member.

The traits of Mr. Marshall's character which were most conspicuous were his abounding kindness and his sympathy with those in trouble and consequent readiness to alleviate sorrow wherever he found it. These traits gave him a remarkably large circle of sincere friends. A local newspaper in a notice printed after his death spoke as follows of his personality: "He had won his way into the confidence, respect and sincere friendship of our entire county, and there was none with whom he associated who will not ever gratefully recall the memory of his genial disposition, his free, open manners, his warm, generous heart, and his unbounded hospitality. To his own community his death is indeed a heavy loss. He was public-spirited, tender-hearted, full of kindly impulses and abounding in deeds of love and charity to those around him. In business he was honest, truthful and successful; in his social relations he was kind, courteous and popular; in official position he was trustworthy, vigilant and upright."

Mr. Marshall was married in September, 1877, to Helen M. Curtiss, who survives him and resides in Mohawk. Mr. Marshall's death took place June 28, 1881.

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### ROLLIN HURLBUT SMITH,

Of Little Falls, was born at that place January 3, 1838. He is a son of Christopher Smith and grandson of Richard Smith, who came from Rhode Island and settled in Fairfield shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War. His mother, Nancy Hurl-

but, was a daughter of Uriah Hurlbut, of Fairfield, a descendant of Thomas Hurlbut, one of the eleven men sent from England by Lords Say and Seal and Brooke, under Lion Gardiner, and who built the fort near the mouth of the Connecticut River at Say-brooke in 1635. Thomas Hurlbut received a grant from the Colony of 150 acres of land for services in the Pequot war. The Smiths in the early days of Rhode Island were Quakers, and the *Friends' Record* speaks of Christopher Smith, the first of the family to come to this country, about 1640, as "an ancient friend of Providence."

Christopher Smith, the father of Judge Smith, removed to Little Falls from Fairfield about the year 1829, and was for many years extensively engaged in mercantile and storage and forwarding business on the Erie Canal.

Rollin H. Smith, the subject of this sketch, is the youngest of four children, two of whom died in infancy, and the eldest, Sarah H., in 1854, at the age of twenty-three years. He attended the common school, and afterwards the academy at Little Falls until sixteen years of age, when he obtained employment as a clerk in a store, and remained so employed several years. He then entered the law office of Judge George A. Hardin as a student, and afterwards studied with Judge Hiram Nolton, from whose office he was admitted to practice in 1863. He immediately opened an office in his native village and has resided there ever since.

Judge Smith's law practice has consisted mostly of cases in equity, many of which have involved large interests, and in which he has been very successful. One of these was the defense of the will of Daniel Klock, of Manheim, in which litigation seven actions were instituted against his client, and which resulted in securing for her about \$4,500, devised to her by the will of her husband. He is now engaged in defending a suit in equity brought by William Seward Webb against Morrison & Richardson, involving large interests in the Adirondack wilderness, and which has excited much public interest. He has also had the care, as attorney, of several large estates, always with satisfactory results. In the preparation of legal arguments, and in presenting them to the court, he spares no pains to make them exhaustive in every light in which the case can be fairly presented. This characteristic, together with his recognized integrity as a lawyer and citizen, has brought him clients of a substantial class having important interests to be cared for.

In politics Judge Smith has always been a firm believer in Jeffersonian Democracy, and although his party in the county has been since 1856 in an almost hopeless minority and a nomination for office an empty honor, he was brought forward in 1883 by his friends and induced to accept the Democratic nomination for the office of county judge and surrogate. He was elected, being the first and only Democratic county judge since 1856. In this office his characteristic fairness, positive integrity and knowledge of the law were prominently set forth. In the administration of the criminal law he displayed in his rulings such knowledge of all its branches that but one of the cases tried before him was reversed during his term of six years.

As judge and surrogate, Judge Smith was also known for his uniform courtesy to all who appeared before him, and all official business received his careful and intelligent attention. In 1887 he was married to Miss Nellie Bramer, the accomplished daughter of Frank Bramer, of Little Falls.



*Wm. S. Winter.*



From early manhood Judge Smith has taken much interest in public affairs, particularly those connected with the material development and progress of his native village. He was one of the organizers and one of the first directors of the Little Falls National Bank; one of the original stock-holders of the Superior Furnace Company, and is at present one of the village water commissioners. He has been repeatedly called to fill village offices, such as corporation attorney, etc. In 1877 he was placed on the Board of Education, and for sixteen years has been its president. During this period great advancement has been made in curriculum, a graded system has been established, and a superintendent employed, by which changes the public schools of Little Falls have been placed in line with the latest and most approved school systems.

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### WILLIAM T. WHEELER

Was born near Cooperstown, Otsego county, December 14, 1817, and he took up his residence in Little Falls in 1841, and carried on the business of hardware and tinsmith from that time until his death, which occurred at his residence on Lansing street January 3, 1885. He married Sarah A. Higby, who died October 31, 1869. Their only child is Charles V. Wheeler, who succeeded to his father's business, and now carries on the same in the block owned by deceased and Mr. W. G. Milligan at the corner of Ann and Main streets. He was several years president of the Little Falls Gas Light Company and subsequently of the Henry Cheney Hammer Company, having aided in its organization in 1882. He was Past Eminent Commander, having been many years a member of the Knights Templar Commandery No. 26, Little Falls. He was also senior warden of Emanuel church, which position he held many years with great fidelity. He was half owner of, and supervised the construction of the Hardin and Wheeler block on the south side of Main street. He was a gentleman of great modesty and retiring in his habits; of unquestioned integrity in business; a warm friend and a valuable citizen, enjoying at the time of his death the highest respect of his neighbors.

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### JONAS S. BARNET.

No citizen of Little Falls is better known or more highly esteemed than Jonas S. Barnet. He has attained a very high position in the business life of the village, and is one of the foremost, not only in his private affairs, but in those which concern the public as well. He also carries on stores in New York city and Boston for the sale of the products of his tanneries. Mr. Barnet was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 19, 1849, and is a son of Solomon Götz Barnet. He passed his youth in his native land, and received a good business education during that time. In July, 1870, Mr. Barnet came to the United States of America, as many other young men have done. He became engaged in the leather industry, associating with him his brother, Morris S. Barnet, in 1877. In 1883 the firm built the tannery at Little Falls, and in 1887 they equipped a

new plant at the same location. They have since acquired large business interests in this line and are one of the most successful tanning firms in the country. J. S. Barnet & Bro. have at present, in addition to their large tannery at Little Falls, an establishment at Gloversville, which they have conducted for some time, and it is very successful. The Little Falls establishment, under the management of its present proprietors, has been greatly increased in its capacity and in the amount of business which it carries on. There are now employed there about 175 hands, and the pay roll is a very large one. It is almost unnecessary to say that J. S. Barnet & Bro.'s industry is one of the leading features of business life at Little Falls. Jonas S. Barnet, the senior member of this concern, has shown himself possessed of the highest order of business qualifications. Not only is this manifest in the successful conduct of the large tannery of which he is the head, but he has also given his counsel and experience in public affairs largely for the benefit of the village. He was chosen in May, 1892, as one of the board of police and fire commissioners, and in this capacity he has proven himself in every way worthy of the confidence which has been reposed in him. Mr. Barnet married Hannah Dick, daughter of Bernhard and Sarah Dick, of Albany, N. Y. They have eleven children: five sons and six daughters.

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### JORAM PETREE.

The reader of the early chapters of this volume has learned much of the lives of the Palatines, who were the first civilized settlers of the Mohawk valley, and whose struggles in the new country began many years before the opening of the great warfare which gave to the American colonies their freedom. Those Germans, driven from their foreign homes by religious persecution, performed deeds of heroism, endured trials and vicissitudes, and often gave up their lives in their efforts to establish peaceful homes in the wilderness where they could rear their children and leave their sturdy descendants in the enjoyment of the blessing of religious and social liberty. From one of these hardy pioneers was directly descended Joram Petree, great-grandson of Johan Jost Petree, who came to this country probably a little earlier than 1725, settled in the Mohawk valley, and was one of the original patentees of Burnetsfield, on which the village of Little Falls is partly built.

Joram Petree was born in 1802, on the family homestead about two miles north of the village of Little Falls, but made the village his home after his boyhood. His youth and its opportunities were neither better nor worse than those of other boys of that early day, and his education was such as he was able to obtain in the country schools. His father was Jost Diedrich Petree, who was an exceptionally prosperous farmer on the place afterwards occupied by the late Moses Petree; but Joram Petree had larger ambition than tilling the soil, and possessed mercantile predilections which greatly influenced his after life. About the year 1825, and when he had attained his majority, he joined with his brother David in a mercantile business in a store on the south side of Main street, Little Falls, the site now being occupied by the Skinner Opera House. The stock of goods handled by the brothers was one of the largest of the time, and like most early country stores, embraced dry goods, groceries and hardware. They were eminently successful from the first, and in 1838, in order to extend their business oper-



*Jonas S. Barrett*





ations, they purchased the iron foundry of Samuel Smith, on the corner of Main and Furnace streets, the present site of the knitting mill of Titus Sheard. The foundry facilities were then largely devoted to the manufacture of cooking and parlor stoves. The foundry was conducted by the brothers until 1856. After the opening of the Erie canal, Mr. Petree took a practical interest in its prosperity, and foresaw its great importance to all business interests along its line, as well as to the passenger traffic between New York, Albany and the young and growing "West." He became a large stockholder in a line of packet boats running between Schenectady and Utica, as early as 1845, and had substantially the management of the affairs of the line. Under his efficient direction the enterprise was highly prosperous, and from his holdings in it he realized large profits. The time came, however, when the opening of the railroad (now the New York Central) curtailed the business and profits of passenger carriage on the canal, and it is conclusive evidence of Mr. Petree's business foresight and ability to cope with the inevitable changes incident to the growth and development of the country, so as to stand as a gainer instead of a loser thereby, that in 1854 he purchased the entire line of boats of the company, transported them westward through the canal and Lake Erie to the then more recent Toledo and Wabash canal, extending between Toledo, Ohio, and Lafayette, Ind., where a line was established which he actively managed, and of which he was the principal stockholder. He did not, however, change his residence from Little Falls, for which village he always retained the warmest affection and for whose welfare he was ever desirous.

Mr. Petree's long business career was marked by its unvarying success. Enterprising and energetic at all times, yet prudent and sagacious, the conduct of his varied interests was founded upon those principles of integrity and fairness towards his fellow-men which must underlie and almost always prove responsible for such success as he attained. He was, for the period covering his active life, a bold and self-reliant operator, and gained the confidence and respect of those with whom he had business relations. He possessed broad and liberal views of life, and his counsel was esteemed by all who sought to profit by it in practical affairs.

Mr. Petree was married on the 13th of June, 1838, to Frances Ford, daughter of Philip Ford, of Troy, N. Y. To them were born four children, Fanny F., now the wife of O. O. Cottle, of Buffalo; Eugenia, died at the age of six months; Edmund Clarence, deceased, aged seven years; and Charles L., living at Little Falls. Mrs. Petree died October 5, 1862, at the age of forty-four years, six months and four days. Joram Petree died October 16, 1869, aged sixty-seven years.

In his home life, in companionship with his wife and children, Mr. Petree was kind, faithful, and solicitous for their welfare and happiness. To give them comfort was his highest pleasure, and to leave to them the heritage of a good and honorable name his best ambition.

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## JOHN W. VROOMAN.

It is well known to readers of this volume that the Mohawk Valley was the birth-place and dwelling place of many men and women whose names are memorable in history, and whose descendants have risen to distinction in the State and nation. Con-

spicuous among these names is that of Vrooman. Far back in the bloody annals of the frontier of what became the Empire State, at a period when the beautiful valley of the historic stream which took its name from the original occupants of the soil, and when the valley was fiercely fought for by representatives of three European powers, each eager to drive the others and the Indians from it, we learn that the Vroomans were actively conspicuous in the stirring events of the time. At the burning of Schenectady, February 9, 1690, the record says that Hendrick Meese and Bartholomeus Vrooman were "kild and burnt," and "Barent, ye sonne of Adam Vrooman," was taken prisoner and carried to Canada.

These Vroomans, like many others of the original white settlers along the Hudson and Mohawk rivers, were Holland Dutch, a sturdy, heroic and virtuous people, and from them is directly descended John W. Vrooman, whose lineage is traced back to Count Egmont. On his paternal side his grandmother was a Casler, a family name that also stands with especial prominence upon the pages of the history of the Mohawk Valley, and she was closely related to the brave General Herkimer. The father of John W. Vrooman was Nicholas Vrooman, who was a farmer of limited means, a condition that reflected against the early opportunities of the son. His mother's maiden name was Christina Wright.

John W. Vrooman was born in the town of German Flats, Herkimer county, N. Y., on the 28th of March, 1844. In his efforts to obtain a good education he met and surmounted obstacles common to many who were reared in similar circumstances. His attendance at the district school was intermitted with labor on the farm, and during his subsequent terms in the Little Falls Academy he was compelled to live in the most economical manner, working much on the farm by day in his vacations and studying at night. At the age of sixteen he began teaching school in winter, continuing his academic studies in the summer, and at the age of eighteen he entered the office of Judge Ezra Graves in Herkimer to study law. Here also he devoted himself in the winter months to teaching, thus obtaining money for his current expenses. At the age of nineteen, while a student in the law office, he volunteered in the United States Navy and was engaged on board the *Vanderbilt* in cruising after blockade runners until the winter of 1864-5, when that steamer joined the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron, and he participated in the two battles of Fort Fisher. He continued in the service until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He resumed the study of the law and in October, 1866, was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of his profession in Herkimer. In November, 1867, Mr. Vrooman was married to Ann Ford, of Mohawk. January 1, 1868, the surrogate of the county, Amos H. Prescott, appointed Mr. Vrooman chief clerk, a position which he faithfully and efficiently filled for ten years. In January, 1876, he was appointed deputy clerk of the Assembly, was detailed as financial clerk thereof, and reappointed the next year. In 1877 he was chairman of the Herkimer county delegation to the Rochester convention, at which he was elected a member of the Republican State Committee. Mr. Vrooman had already shown his possession of special aptitude and unusual capacity for successful political work, and the preferment mentioned and other subsequent advancement are largely due to those qualities and the energy and unselfishness with which he used them for

the good of his party. At the time of his election on the State Committee he was surrounded by a large and friendly political acquaintanceship and by them he was induced to enter into the contest for the clerkship of the Senate, resulting in his election to that office January 1, 1878. In this responsible position he served ten years (1878-88), being elected five successive terms, and to the entire satisfaction of the many prominent men of both parties with whom he came in contact. He declined to stand as a candidate for further election, and at the close of his official career the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the State Senate:

*"Resolved, That to the Hon. John W. Vrooman, who has for ten years past discharged the duties of Clerk of the Senate with marked ability and courtesy, we hereby tender our congratulations upon the honorable reputation he has maintained during the period of his public service. We entertain the highest respect for his many virtues and invoke upon him in his future career unclouded success.*

*"Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate be and he is hereby instructed to transmit to Mr. Vrooman an engrossed copy of these resolutions, as a token of regard from the Senate of the State of New York."*

He served as a member of the Republican State Committee for eight years, and as secretary of the Republican State Committee seven years (1880-81-83-84-85-86-88). In the last named year he declined to be a candidate for office and retired from politics, leaving a record singularly free from criticism in either party. In 1889, after his retirement, he was urged to head the ticket put in the field by the Republican State Convention, but declined. In September, 1891, he was again urged to allow his name to be placed upon the Republican State ticket and the convention unanimously nominated him as lieutenant-governor. Although the ticket was defeated, Mr. Vrooman ran ahead in nearly every locality and in the aggregate about fifteen thousand votes. In 1892 he was a presidential elector on the Republican ticket for New York State.

Mr. Vrooman, upon leaving the Senate, immediately turned his attention to business enterprise, in which he has met with deserved success. He engaged in banking in Herkimer village, but was called from that in 1890 by his election to the office of treasurer of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, and chairman of the executive committee. This office came to him unsought and its great importance in a business and financial sense, with the highly complimentary letter announcing his election, constitute a tribute to his character and ability of which he is justly proud. The duties of his office take him to New York city, where he finds a host of congenial friends, but he retains his residence in Herkimer.

Mr. Vrooman has for many years been conspicuous in the Order of Free and Accepted Masons. He was made a Mason at the age of twenty-one in Herkimer Lodge, No. 423, F. and A. M.; served as Secretary, Senior Deacon and Senior Warden of his lodge; also Acting Master one year and Worshipful Master three years. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge by five successive Grand Masters, and then elected Junior Grand Warden for two years, Senior Grand Warden for two years, and Deputy Grand Master for four years. The Grand Lodge of the State, at its annual session held in New York, June, 1890, elected him by a unanimous vote Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in June, 1891, he was unanimously re-elected. His

which he presented the condition of the Fraternity in the jurisdiction. In June, 1892 he was unanimously elected Grand Master for a third term, but declined further service in that high office. He is a member of Iroquois Chapter, No. 236, Royal Arch Masons, at Hion, N. Y., and of Utica Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templar. He has been favored with honorary membership in a number of Masonic lodges; among them may be mentioned Anglo-American Lodge and Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge of London, England. It will be observed that he was elected by eight hundred representatives in the Grand Lodge eleven successive times to various positions, and in no instance was there a candidate named against him or a vote cast against him.

If such a thing were possible, it might be inferred that Mr. Vrooman inherited his Masonic predilections, for among his ancestors were men of distinction in that order. In a historical sketch of St. George's Lodge, Schenectady, which was founded under the auspices of Sir John Johnson, the record shows that Walter Vrooman, a direct ancestor of John W., was a member of that lodge, and that Lawrence Vrooman was for a time its secretary. The following resolution appears on the lodge record for December 26, 1780, and is of peculiar interest in this connection:

*Resolved*, That fifty shillings, hard money, out of the funds of this Lodge, shall be delivered into the hands of brother Robert Alexander, for the use of brother Walter Vrooman's family, who is now captive with the enemy, and the same amount be paid into the hands of John Cummins, for the use of brother Andrew Ryner's family, who is also taken captive.

In the social life of the metropolis, as well as in Albany, Mr. Vrooman has long occupied an enviable position. He is a trustee of the Holland Society and of the New York State Volunteer Firemen's Home. He is a member of the Republican Club of New York, the Lotos Club, the American Yacht Club, and the Farragut Naval Veteran Association, all of New York city, and of Aaron Helmer Post, G. A. R., of Herkimer. Also an honorary member of the Montauk Club of the city of Brooklyn. These honors have been bestowed upon him, not through persistent effort of himself or friends, but as a tribute to his geniality, knowledge of affairs, and the universal courtesy which has won him so much popularity.

Mr. Vrooman has for many years been an earnest, active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For several years he was one of the directors of the Y. M. C. A. of Herkimer, and for fifteen years was superintendent of the Sunday school of his church in that place. While never offensively aggressive in the expression of his views of Christianity, he has always shown himself ready to uphold the principles he professes on all proper occasions, and is frequently called upon to address Sunday schools, Young People's Christian Associations, and other societies of young people, for whom he always feels the deepest interest.

After twenty-five years of public life, during which he was constantly forming new acquaintances and making new friends, Mr. Vrooman now finds himself standing high in the estimation of all, and one of the widest known and most popular men of this State. He possesses that rare qualification which enables him to never forget a face or a name, and he seldom makes an acquaintance who does not become also his friend.

## GEORGE ANSON HARDIN

Was born August 17, 1822, in the town of West Winfield, in the north of West Winfield village. Col. Joseph Hardin, his father, was born in East Hampton, Connecticut, in 1804, and was a son of Nathan Hardin and Philena Sears Clark, who resided in Connecticut until 1816, when they removed to this State.

They were descendants of the Pilgrims, the Clarks tracing their genealogy to the Reverend Mr. Mayhew, a minister who landed at Plymouth. The Clarks were also active in the defence of their country during the Revolution.

Col. Joseph Hardin married Amanda Backus, a daughter of Deacon Anson Backus, who removed from Massachusetts, and was one of the earliest settlers in the upper part of the town.

April 1, 1839, Col. Joseph Hardin removed with his family to the farm on the west side of the village of West Winfield, and remained there until his death, which occurred in 1870, having received injuries by the overturning of a wagon. He was an active business man; a trustee of West Winfield Academy; a director of the bank, and for many years colonel of a militia regiment.

George A. Hardin, the subject of this sketch, attended the common schools until he was sixteen years of age, when, at Whitestown Seminary and Cazenovia Seminary, he prepared for college, teaching three winters to aid in bearing the expense of his education, which was finished at Union College in 1852, while Dr. Nott was president of that institution.

He then began immediately to read law, and removed to Little Falls May 30, 1853, entering the law office of Messrs. Nolton & Lake. March 30, 1854, he was appointed village clerk, and July 4, 1854, at Watertown, was admitted to the bar. A portion of the summer of that year he spent at Monmouth, Ill.; returning in the fall, he formed a co-partnership with Judge Nolton, which existed until 1860, when the firm of Hardin & Burrows was formed and continued until January 1, 1872.

In 1858 Lauren Ford resigned as district attorney and Gov. John A. King appointed Mr. Hardin to that office, and in November he was elected by the people and served until the close of 1861. In the fall of that year he was nominated for senator for the Herkimer and Otsego district by the Republican party and by the People's party, being elected by about 3,500 majority. In the Senate his voice and vote supported enthusiastically all the Union war measures. At the close of his senatorial term he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1871 the Republicans chose delegates in five of the six counties of the Fifth Judicial District favorable to him as a candidate for a justice of the Supreme Court, and in September the Republican convention placed him in nomination. The Democratic party also nominated him and he was elected, having received the support of both political parties.

The duties of a trial judge were discharged from the time of taking the office until 1879, when, on account of the impaired health of Judge Mullin, he was asked to serve, in exchange, in the General Term as an associate justice in the Fourth Judicial Department. In November, 1881, Governor Cornell assigned him to the General Term, Judge Mullin's term closing with the year.

In 1884, a reorganization of the department was effected, and Governor Grover Cleveland designated him as presiding justice of the new Fourth Department.

In 1885 he was again nominated by the Republicans and also placed upon the Democratic ticket. He was unanimously elected a justice of the Supreme Court, and December 6, 1885, Governor David B. Hill designated him presiding justice of the Fourth Judicial Department, which designation holds good "during his official term as a Justice of the Supreme Court." (Code Section 220).

In June, 1876, Hamilton College conferred upon him the degree of LL. D.

The manner in which the duties of a trial judge were discharged is known to the people and the bar of the district in which he held his own terms, and several extra terms, during the impaired health of Judges Mullin and Doolittle.

The record of his opinions as trial and appellate judge is found in the last five volumes of "Barbour's Reports," in the last fifty volumes of "Hun's Reports," in the "New York State Reporter" and in other law reports.

In his twenty-two years of service upon the bench, he has attended every term assigned to him except one, having had good health and vigor for the performance of the exacting duties of the position.

In July, 1868, he was married to Miss Annette Augusta Arnold, in Emanuel church, of which he has been a vestryman for twenty-five years.

In 1885 he acted as chairman of the Citizens' Committee that matured the plans for the water works system, so valuable to the village.

For the last thirty years he has been an active director in the National Herkimer County Bank, and in that capacity has acquired an extensive knowledge of the business affairs of the community, evinced a sympathy in its progress and an interest in its prosperity.

In 1892 he was solicited by the publishers to supervise and assist in the publication of the History of Herkimer County, and has contributed articles and materials to such an extent as to challenge the gratitude of the publishers.

Having been a life-long resident of the county, and for twenty-nine years a public official therein, its citizens must form their own estimate of his industry, ability and character without any words of commendation in the pages of this work.

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## JOSHUA JUDSON GILBERT.

In the first decade of the century, when the present city of Utica was a growing village, John Gilbert, an Englishman, settled in Oneida county and erected a starch factory just outside the western boundary of the city limits. Here shortly afterwards, in the year 1807, he was joined by his brother, Edward Gilbert, the father of the subject of this biography. The family was already identified with the industry which the brothers carried on at Utica, an elder brother having some time previously commenced the business of starch-making at Jersey City, N. J. Edward Gilbert, who was born in London, England, in April, 1787, came to this country in 1794, and resided with his brother's family in New Jersey up to the time that he joined his brother John in Utica.

His wife was Anne Maddock, the daughter of Roger Worthington Maddock and Sarah Harwood, his wife, of Birches, England, at which place Mrs. Gilbert was born in the same year and month as her husband.

On the 15th of September, 1866, Edward Gilbert, who was then residing at Lewisburg, Pa., with his daughter, Mrs. Justin Loomis, died, survived by five children, John M. and Colgate Gilbert, of Buffalo, N. Y., Joshua J., Mrs. Andrew Tembroek, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mrs. Loomis, above referred to.

Joshua Judson Gilbert was born at Utica on the 4th day of September, 1821. His education was received at the Utica Academy, a well-known educational institution of those days, and soon after his graduation he went to Buffalo, where, with his brothers, he was engaged for four years in the manufacture of soap. Returning to Utica, he remained with his father until 1854, when he decided upon Little Falls as an excellent point for the erection of works for the manufacture of starch, and coming to Little Falls in that year, he remained a resident until his death, which occurred on February 5, 1881.

The great value of the water power was an important factor in Mr. Gilbert's decision to make Little Falls his home. Soon after his arrival he erected the stone building which is now used by his son as the Astorona Knitting Mills, together with the elevator adjoining for the storage of grain used in the factory. Thoroughly acquainted from his previous experience in his father's factory with the processes employed in starch-making at that date, Mr. Gilbert was keenly alive to the attendant disadvantages of the method, and in the early portion of his residence in Little Falls he entered upon a series of experiments by which he sought to produce a better quality of starch than was then obtainable. As a result of these experiments he made certain discoveries which have led to a revolution in the whole process of starch-making.

Mr. Gilbert patented his inventions, but the principles of his patent having become known to other manufacturers of starch, he was forced into litigation to prevent infringement, which, after dragging on for years, was only finally adjudicated some years after his death, and in favor of a syndicate to whom he had sold his rights. During the latter part of his life Elijah Reed was his partner in this business. Mr. Gilbert was always deeply interested in the welfare and development of the village, and believed most firmly that the right policy, energetically pursued by the citizens, would result in Little Falls becoming an industrial town of considerable magnitude. This belief he was always ready to confirm by act, not hesitating to invest his capital in projected industries, and giving his aid efficiently and willingly in all ways which presented themselves for the upbuilding of the institutions of the town. He was one of the most active promoters of the Little Falls Knitting Mill Company when that corporation was formed in 1872, and acted as its treasurer until his death. Much of his time during the latter years of his life was occupied with the management of the tannery now owned by J. S. Barnett & Brothers, which he and Mr. W. H. Weeks bought of Nelson Rust in 1874, and which they considerably enlarged. He was also conspicuous in the establishment of the Warrior Mower Company, and was one of its directors, and at the time of his death he was also one of the directors of the National Herkimer County Bank.



In politics Mr. Gilbert was a Republican; but although earnest in his advocacy of the principles of this party and zealous for their success, he never himself sought public office, and the only position of an elective nature for which he ever allowed himself to be presented was that of member of the village Board of Education, and in that capacity he served for several years, displaying the same interest, energy and judgment in the cause of education which distinguished him in the other relations of life. The salient points in his character were his clear judgments of men and affairs, his integrity and his unwavering decision when persuaded that he was right. His friendship was steadfast and earnest; his acts of charity and benevolence were many and generous.

Mr. Gilbert was married in April, 1857, to Elizabeth Rust, of Little Falls, daughter of Nelson Rust. (Vide biography of Nelson Rust herein.) He was survived by Mrs. Gilbert and three children, one son, Nelson Rust, having died in infancy, J. Judson and Nelson Rust Gilbert and Mrs. D. E. Knowlton.

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## NELSON RUST.

Nelson Rust was born at Kent, Litchfield county, Conn., on the 17th of March, 1801, and died at Little Falls, N. Y., on the 14th of August, 1876. He was descended from New England stock, the first of the family to settle in this country having been Henry Rust, who, in company with a number of families from Hingham, Norfolk county, England, came to the then infant colony of Massachusetts in 1635, and founded the town of Hingham, near Boston. After a residence of a few years at Hingham, Henry Rust removed to Boston, of which place he was a resident until his death in 1684. His descendants spread through the New England colonies as this territory was developed and settled, and at the outbreak of the Revolution, Levi Rust, a descendant in the fifth generation from Henry, was a citizen of Connecticut, and served as lieutenant in one of the regiments raised in his State. His son, Roswell Rust, born in 1774, was a farmer at Kent, Connecticut, where he married Eleanor Booth, in 1799. The second son of this marriage was Nelson Rust, who, by the death of his father in 1816, followed shortly by that of his mother in 1819, was left an orphan at eighteen and thrown largely upon his own resources for his support.

In addition to his farm, his father had owned a small tannery at Kent, and, acquainted with this business, Mr. Rust determined to follow it as a means of livelihood. In order to perfect himself in the details, he spent several months at Quebec and at New Haven, studying the processes of tanning as carried on at those places. Early in the 20's he determined to settle in Troy, N. Y., and there he formed a partnership in the grocery and hardware business with Paul Wetherbee, whose daughter Eluthera he married on the 25th of September, 1827.

Growing dissatisfied with his business in Troy, he decided to resume his trade of tanning, and coming to Herkimer county, he spent some time in investigating the best location for a tannery, residing for some months in Herkimer, and in Stratford, in which latter town he subsequently established a branch of his business. Eventually he determined upon Little Falls as the most favorable site, and soon after his arrival there



in 1831, he established himself on North Ann street, near Main, where he carried on his business for about three years, when finding his building too small for the development of his business, he removed his plant to East Mill street, at the point where the establishment of J. S. Barnett & Brother now stands. Here he continued the manufacture of leather until shortly before his death, the sale of his tannery and leather store on Second street to Gilbert & Weeks occurring forty years to a day from the time he commenced business on that site. For some years, during his location on Mill street, Stephen Brown was associated with him as a partner, a relation which was terminated by Mr. Brown's death.

In politics Mr. Rust was an ardent member of the Whig party, and later a no less ardent believer in the doctrines of its successor, the Republican party. Caring little for political preferment, the only office he ever held was that of president of the village during the year 1851.

At the time of his death Mr. Rust was a member of the Presbyterian church, and had been closely connected with and a trustee of that society for several years before he became a member.

The personal characteristics of Mr. Rust were well stated at the time of his death as follows: "Mr. Rust was one of our best known, most highly esteemed, and most influential citizens. His faithfulness as a friend has almost passed into a proverb, his ready kindness to the poor and suffering was ever a marked characteristic of his daily life. His sympathies were largely enlisted toward any good work of whose merits he became convinced. He was a thoroughly honest and a very successful business man. No one dare question his word or impugn his motives; his judgment was remarkably reliable, and his business intercourse during forty years was marked by very many pleasant friendships, and characterized by a stern devotion to truth and uprightness which commanded the respect of even those who were never privileged to share his intimate acquaintance."

Mr. Rust was the father of seven children, four of whom survived him: Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, Mrs. Barry Van Vechten, Miss Helen Rust, and Mrs. Charles Lynds Petree, all of Little Falls.

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### DWIGHT D. WARNE,

Senior member of the firm of D. D. and F. L. Warne, owners and managers of Fairfield Seminary and Military Academy. The remarkable prosperity that Old Fairfield Seminary enjoys naturally calls the attention of not only every alumnus and friend of the school, but every citizen of the country interested in the education of the rising generation, to the men whose untiring efforts have revived interest in, secured support, and established this old institution of learning upon a permanent basis.

Prof. D. D. Warne, whose portrait we present, was born at East Varick, Seneca county, N. Y., November 26, 1855. His mother was a Parker, the name of a Quaker family prominent in the early history of Cayuga county, and before her marriage had achieved remarkable success as a teacher in her own and adjoining counties. From his

mother he inherited that necessary qualification in a teacher which we call tact, love for the profession of teaching, and intense enthusiasm, all of which are among his marked characteristics. The Warnes were among the first settlers of Monmouth county, New Jersey. Later members of the family, particularly the grandfather of the present sketch, moved to Seneca county, this State, and nearly all the members of the family have been successful wagon manufacturers, Professors D. D. and F. L. being the only members who have not followed this business, and even they were required by their father to learn the business during vacations while pursuing their preparatory studies. From his father he learned his habits of tireless industry and practical methods of business. His mother was his principal teacher until he entered the public school of his native place. Later on he was for a long time a private pupil of Prof. Warren Mann, now of Potsdam Normal School. Many other prominent educators instructed him in various lines of educational work.

Having early decided to follow the profession of teaching, he entered the Normal School at Albany, and graduated first in a class of thirty-six. In the fall of '76 he was called to the principalship of the new union school at Williamson, N. Y., where he remained four years. Dr. A. G. Austin, then president of the Board of Education, and late lecturer in St. Louis Medical College, writes that Prof. Warne brought the school to a high degree of prosperity, and that his methods of instruction were superior to those of any other principal in that section.

At the beginning of his second year at Williamson he married Miss Vida E. Brown, of Ontario, N. Y., his first assistant teacher in the school.

Receiving a call from the president of the Board of Education at Richville, St. Lawrence county, he accepted. The school was sadly demoralized when he went there, but during the two years of his administration he nobly worked in school and out, brought the school to a high standard, and made himself well known as a popular instructor throughout the entire assembly district. Hermon, in an adjoining town, having erected a very fine new school building, persuaded him, through the efforts of Senator D. S. Lynde, to become principal of its school. Here he remained three years, and became known throughout a large portion of the State as one of the most successful school organizers, canvassers and managers in the State. His salary, at \$1,200 a year, was more than paid by the non-residents in his room alone. During his stay in St. Lawrence county he put into successful operation plans which he had been maturing for a long time for the organization and successful operation of Town Teachers' Associations. He visited nearly every portion of the county in order to awaken interest among the district school teachers and make those meetings which were held every month a success. In this connection Hon. A. X. Parker, John A. Haig and G. A. Lewis, the last two school commissioners, speak of him as an educator of character, integrity, and capacity, and one who labors with untiring zeal in the cause of education. In the class room he is without a superior. Thoroughly and practically educated, possessed of tact in discipline in management, a ready and easy conversationalist, with years of experience in instructing large classes, he imbues his students with his own industry, energy and ambition. His specialty is the preparation of students for the profession of teaching. More than fifteen hundred teachers in this State have received

instruction in methods from him. Commendations, which are before us as we write, and written by some of our best known educators, speak of him as one of the best posted and most successful instructors of teachers' classes in the State.

Outside of his profession he is a genial, clever and interesting companion, a fluent talker, with pleasing address, and a man of considerable magnitude and attractiveness. He readily wins the confidence of those around him, and is a very proper and desirable person to instruct the youth of the present day.

He is a member of Pultneyville Lodge, No. 159, F. & A. M., and for a long time was secretary. He was one of the charter members of Williamson Lodge, No. 270, A. O. U. W., and was the first Master Workman of that lodge. When in Western New York he gave much time and attention to lodge work, and at one time was one of the district deputies of the A. O. U. W.

To close this sketch without giving to our readers a brief announcement of what Prof. Warne has done and is doing to place "Old Fairfield" back in line—topmost among the best academies and preparatory schools in the State, would be not only a great injustice to him, but to the thousands who once received mental training at this institution, and who still retain pleasant memories of their youthful days spent there, and who read with untold delight of its prosperity and successful prospects for the future.

Over ninety years ago, in the spring of 1803, was established Fairfield Academy, and for twenty years it flourished without competition, and for many years there were few institutions of like character in the State. At the close of the Civil War and about ten years thereafter the attendance from abroad commenced and continued to wane, and the residents of Fairfield saw failure succeed failure until it was thought impossible to maintain the institution much longer. The buildings gradually became dilapidated, and the beauty and attractiveness of those once loved halls were transformed into barren, desolate and unsightly pictures.

This is what Prof. Warne found in 1885 when he took hold of the work of reviving interest in and securing support for Fairfield Seminary.

Before he had accepted the principalship of Fairfield Seminary he and his brother, F. L. Warne, had visited several localities in this and other States in search of a desirable school that could be rented or bought. He found several desirable pieces of property with the one exception that the villages in which the property was situated were either unhealthy or contained places of demoralizing resort. They selected Fairfield for the following reasons: Because it contains no such places of resort. The situation of the school is one of the most beautiful in the State, being entirely rural, in a very small, quiet village. The grounds are ample and the buildings cover the most ground of any seminary buildings in the State. It is conceded that Fairfield Seminary for more than eighty years has occupied a place of usefulness second to none among educational institutions of like grade in this country. Its literary societies, incorporated under the laws of the State, have for years ranked with those of the colleges of the State. Every alumnus of the school is loyal to its interests. These were the principal reasons why they selected Fairfield. How well they have succeeded is plainly told in the unsurpassed equipments and remarkable prosperity of the institution conducted to-day both as a seminary and a military academy.

## WARNER MILLER.

It is impossible to give within the limits of this article a complete and satisfactory sketch of the life and public services of a distinguished citizen of Herkimer, whose private and public life has been alike creditable to himself and to the county of his adoption. Fully told, with appropriate quotations from his public utterances on great vital questions, it would fill this volume.

Warner Miller is a descendant in the fifth generation of John Miller, who came to this country from Germany about 1680, and located in Westchester county. He left four sons and four daughters. The land was divided among the sons, who were James, Abram, Elijah and Anthony. Warner Miller's descent is from the last two sons, Martha, the second daughter of Elijah, marrying William, the eldest son of Anthony—and their seventh son was Hiram, who was Warner Miller's father.

Elijah Miller was a lieutenant in the Continental Army, and was killed early in the Revolutionary War together with two of his sons. His widow, Ann Fisher Miller, was left in charge of five children. Her farm house stood a little north of the village of White Plains, and became Washington's headquarters while he was operating in that locality. Her farm buildings were used for hospital purposes, and her farm was covered with tents. A chronicler has said: "In the life of Mrs. Ann Fisher Miller, American Liberty and White Plains Methodism are closely allied. In her house Washington laid his plans for the success of the American arms, and also here Methodism was first preached in White Plains."

The younger children of William and Martha Miller were born after their removal to Rensselaer county, a mile from Johnsonville, where Millertown, now known as North Pittstown, was named for the family. Hiram Miller, the father of Warner, was born here, where he remained until some time after his marriage in 1832, then removing to Oswego. One of Warner Miller's granduncles, Abraham, a licensed exhorter of the Methodist church, was for twelve years a representative of Westchester county in the New York Legislature. Loyal to the faith of his forefathers, Mr. Miller remains a strong figure in the Methodist church, and was a notable participant as a lay delegate at the World's General Conference in New York in May, 1888.

Hiram Miller's wife was Mary Ann Warner, of Salisbury, Conn., from one of the sturdy Revolutionary families of that State. In her youth she came to Millertown, and there found her future husband, with whom she enjoyed a happy union for forty-eight years. In 1837 they removed to Hannibal, Oswego county, where they took a large farm. Here their son Warner was born August 12, 1838. The following year they returned to their former home at Millertown, where they remained for a few years, afterwards locating on a farm near Northville, Fulton county. Here Warner Miller grew to manhood, working on the farm in the summer, and attending school in the winter. In their declining years they came, by his invitation, to Herkimer to pass the remainder of their lives. The father was struck by a railroad train in Herkimer and killed in January, 1882. The mother died in 1880.

Warner Miller's parents gave their only surviving child better advantages for learning than the children of most farmers of that day. He attended a select school a few miles from home until he had a fair knowledge of arithmetic, physiology and book-keeping,

and at fourteen his father sent him to an academy at Charlotte, N. C., whose principal was the late Rev. Mr. Flack. Then he determined to go to college, and for this he was obliged to earn most of the money himself. It is said to have been the desire and purpose of his parents to educate their son for the ministry, but the plan was not approved by him, whose tastes seemed to point to other fields of usefulness and honor. At sixteen his father gave him fourteen dollars and a silver watch, with which he set out to "seek his fortune." He left his farm home in New York, and in a little frame school house near New Brunswick, New Jersey, taught his first school at a salary of thirty-seven dollars a month, which was his first independent venture in life. He followed the profession of teaching for a few years, studying meanwhile to prepare himself for college. He entered Union College in 1856, worked his own way through that institution, graduating with honor in 1860. After graduation, he taught Latin and Greek in Fort Edward Institute for a year, but the times were not such as to tempt men of his temperament to scholastic pursuits.

The Civil War was on, and in October, 1861, he joined Company I of the Fifth New York Cavalry as a private soldier. He was soon made sergeant-major of his regiment, and as a drill-master showed his fitness by learning the three books of United States Cavalry Tactics by heart. His regiment went with General Banks into the Shenandoah valley, and it was at Winchester, after Stonewall Jackson's victory, that he was captured by the rebels, while lying in the hospital suffering with an attack of typhoid fever. He was paroled. The United States government at that time refused to exchange prisoners, and he was compelled to take his discharge on June 7, 1862. Six months later he made an unsuccessful attempt to re-enter the army. No option being left him, he returned to the vocations of peace. Mr. Miller's personal interest in the welfare of the common soldier, strengthened by knowledge of the hardships endured on the field and in the hospital, has kept him in active association with old comrades, and he is a member of the Aaron Helmer Post of the G. A. R., of Herkimer. It also made him, when in Congress, a successful advocate of bills to increase the pensions of soldiers and to otherwise promote their interests.

Shut out from military service, he gave little further thought to Greek roots and Latin syntax, but started out to make his fortune. He secured a position in a paper mill at Fort Edward, soon mastered the method of manufacture, and worked his way to the foremanship. From the first he saw how crude were the processes, and he dreamed of the possibilities. He was sent by his employers, as an expert, to Belgium to supervise the construction and operation of a paper mill to manufacture straw paper by a new process. While engaged in this enterprise his attention was attracted to the use of wood as an ingredient in paper. He immediately grasped the fact that this was the discovery destined to revolutionize paper-making. He returned home to develop the idea. Having no means of his own, he interested friends to join him in the organization of a company for the experiment of pulp-making. There were innumerable obstacles in the way. He has often spoken of those days when he stood on the brink of his great success, as the darkest in his whole career. Paper makers did not take kindly to the new discovery. Their first experiments with it were crude and unsatisfactory. They were sure that wood pulp would never make paper; they refused to

use it, and the company saw its product thrown back into its storehouses, an unmarketable article. It needed such an emergency to test Warner Miller. Unshaken and sanguine, he was more determined than ever. His own experiments had convinced him that a satisfactory paper could be made of which at least seventy-five per cent. was wood pulp, and at such a price as would compel manufacturers to use the new ingredient in self-defense. So a paper mill was added to the pulp manufactory, and he quickly demonstrated the absolute correctness of his theory. Success came at once, as he knew it must, and thus began the era of cheap paper, and to Warner Miller belongs the credit. For a time his political opponents were accustomed to apply to him the epithet "Wood Pulp." Mr. Miller never resented this, but in public addresses and otherwise alluded to it as his only title to nobility. The process has revolutionized journalism, and has done more than any other one invention to make possible the tremendous increase in the publication of successful newspapers.

Mr. Miller early showed his natural aptitude for politics. For many years he was chairman of the Republican county committee of Herkimer county, and repeatedly demonstrated his skill as a political organizer. His first appearance in public life was as a delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1872, at Philadelphia, which renominated President Grant. In 1873 he was elected to represent Herkimer county in the Assembly, and was his own successor in that body the following year. Here he was brought into close association with many of the men who have since been potential in the affairs of state, and among them made his mark as a man of self-poise, cool judgment and great industry. He served on the insurance committee in the Assembly of 1874, and on the ways and means and canal committees in 1875.

It was through his efforts that the first law was passed in this State, providing for compulsory education. In 1878 he was elected to the Forty-sixth Congress by the Republicans of the Twenty-Second Congressional District, then composed of the counties of Herkimer, Jefferson and Lewis. In 1880 he was re-elected, and his majorities in both contests demonstrated his strength and popularity among those farming counties. In the House of Representatives he served on the committee on militia. He devoted himself faithfully to the duties of his office, making few speeches, but studying carefully the methods of legislation and the principles underlying it, and constantly growing in influence and popularity.

Mr. Miller had hardly entered upon his second term as representative in Congress in 1881, before the complications arose which led to the resignations of Senators Conkling and Platt, and the long dead-lock in the Legislature at Albany. He was at once suggested by many of his friends as an admirable candidate for United States Senator to fill one of the vacancies. He received many complimentary votes in the early days of that struggle which began in May and continued two months. It ended July 16, 1891,—the most memorable political contest in the State—in the choice of Mr. Miller for the long term in place of Senator Platt, followed a few days later by the election of his colleague in Congress, Elbridge G. Lapham.

The people soon found that a man had been chosen to represent them in the United States Senate fully equal to the requirements of the imperial State, and who was destined to occupy a position in that body altogether worthy of the great Commonwealth.

whose interests he considered with quick intelligence and ceaseless industry. The study and observation of all these years of preparation were now brought promptly and effectively into requisition upon this broader field. The deliberation and careful methods of the Senate were in keeping with the mental habits and tastes of Mr. Miller, and his voice was soon heard on many of the vital questions then pending in Congress. He rose steadily to the rank of a skillful and effective debater, and in the estimation of his colleagues and friends. He proved what had been claimed for him, that he was a faithful, conscientious, able and industrious representative of the greatest State in the Union, and he steadily won honors for himself and his State. That veteran legislator, Senator Sherman, of Ohio, once said of Mr. Miller and of his work and influence in the Senate: "He is one of our ablest senators. Judged by that crucial test, the power "to produce results, he is one of the strongest men we have. You notice that when "he undertakes a thing, it is very apt to be carried. He has represented New York "right along with courage and great ability, as questions have come up in which she had "stake. Both in the committee room and in the Senate, he presents a subject with "force and clearness. In his relations with senators he shows good judgment and good "feeling, and does not weaken his influence by the friction of unnecessary personal "antagonism." The lamented Senator John A. Logan, who became his trusted friend, remarked to a colleague during the great debate on the tariff in 1882, that he had learned not only to let Warner Miller alone, but to follow his vote on any question that concerned the tariff.

Mr. Miller was popular with his colleagues. He was capable of every achievement to which he set himself. He was a tireless worker, a close student, a believer in common sense methods, and never shrank from any task which the welfare of his great constituency assigned to him. Mr. Miller was first appointed in 1882 a member of the committee on Commerce, and Post Offices and Post Roads. In 1883 he was made a member of the committee on Education and Labor. In 1884 he was assigned to the committees on Finance. In 1886 he was made chairman of the committee on Agriculture, which afterward included Forestry. From these committees emanated some of the most important legislation of the period covering Mr. Miller's service. It is impossible to enumerate at length all the legislation affecting the business and commerce of New York and the country to the enactment of which Mr. Miller successfully devoted himself. Among the most important was the head-money tax law, by which more than \$250,000 a year is saved to the people of New York, and the entire burden of the support of Castle Garden lifted from their shoulders. The tax on our internal marine for the support of marine hospitals was abolished by his efforts. The so-called Dingley bill shows his handiwork in all its parts as a member of the special joint committee on the decline of the American merchant marine. He aided in protecting sailors from the extortions of boarding-house keepers and of the men engaged in shipping crews. He began the movement and secured the first appropriation for deepening the water over Sandy Hook bar, an improvement which added greatly to the commercial advantages of the metropolis. He also secured a large number of much needed appropriations for the development of our several harbors in the annual river and harbor bills. He thoroughly believed in the policy of internal improvements, as he believed



in the ceaseless prosperity of our country which demanded these improvements, and he could not be driven by threats or criticism from this position, which proved to be the right one, showing his far-seeing good judgment as in many other directions. Mr. Miller was also a member of the special committee of the Senate which investigated the transportation problem, the result of whose labors was the existing law for the regulation of railroads. In the consideration of the Chinese exclusion act, his votes were uniformly cast for the most rigid measures, because he felt that the Mongolian was of necessity an alien in the United States, incapable of assimilation, and because he realized that the American laborer could not compete with him. To that advanced ground the country has since come. He also took a strong position in advocating all measures to prevent the evil of contract labor importation, and it was largely through his efforts that the bill prohibiting the importation of contract labor was perfected in the committee on Education and Labor, whence it was reported by him to the Senate, and which passed that body. In this connection he took a position against the ownership of large farms. The eight-hour law also found an earnest champion in Mr. Miller, again demonstrating his large-hearted sympathy with the laboring classes.

Mr. Miller's first great speech in the Senate was an elaborate explanation and vindication of the principle and the operation of the protective tariff. The free trade leaders read carefully prepared arguments which Mr. Miller answered each time in extended extemporaneous speeches, which attracted the close attention of his colleagues and the country, and which were powerful agencies in carrying the tariff bill of 1882-3 to a successful issue. He believed in protection, for the benefit of American labor, he opposed "free raw materials," he fought successfully for the preservation of the duty on aniline dye colors, and his defence of the duty on salt and the glass industries of the country was earnest and effective. He also led the contest in favor of keeping the duty on cigars. But his greatest struggle in tariff legislation was in fixing the duty on iron ore. He held fast to the principle that the resources of our own country should be developed and brought into use. He contended for a tariff rate of one dollar per ton. The tariff commission had recommended fifty cents, which had been approved by the Senate Committee. The rate was finally fixed at seventy-five cents, and his efforts in this matter were recognized as most powerful.

When the Senate committees were organized, at the beginning of Mr. Miller's second year, he was given his choice of chairmanships from a number of vacant committees. To the surprise of all, and against the remonstrances of friends, he chose the committee on Agriculture. The fact that this committee had heretofore done nothing, determined the senator to identify himself with it. The result showed his good judgment, for he made a record for himself and the committee which attracted universal attention. It was in this committee that the measure for the extirpation of pleuropneumonia among cattle was perfected, and one of his crowning efforts was his successful championship of the bill to place a tax on oleomargarine. This bill had passed the House with a proclamation that it must be killed in the Senate. The manufacturers of the product sent a powerful and determined lobby to Washington to defeat the bill. They sought to have it referred to the Finance Committee where it was



hoped to smother it, but Mr. Miller's valiant fight sent it to the committee on Agriculture, from whence it was favorably reported. It became a law, and another victory—a victory for honest butter—was placed to Mr. Miller's credit. But the most significant work in the direction of promoting the interests of agriculture, performed by the senator, was in his successful advocacy of the bill creating a new cabinet office, to be known as the Department of Agriculture. This measure Mr. Miller succeeded in carrying through the Senate shortly before the expiration of his term. It will be seen that in some respects the most important work performed by Senator Miller was in connection with the general welfare of the agricultural interests of the country. He kept a watchful eye upon all that concerned the farmer and never missed an opportunity to speak in behalf of the great pursuit which lies at the root of our prosperity, and it was well said by that veteran observer of men and events in Washington—Ben. Perley Poore—that “Warner Miller was the first man to give agriculture a national prominence in the Senate.”

Taken altogether, Mr. Miller's service as a legislator was of inestimable value to his own State and to the country. His sound judgment, his vigilance, and his devotion to the best interests of the people, place him in the foremost rank among the able statesmen of his time. He was a tireless worker and a most faithful public servant, making a proud record for himself, and justifying the most earnest expectations of his friends. He accepted his election to the United States Senate in 1881 without elation, modestly setting himself to work to serve his great constituency to the utmost of his ability. He grew with his work and his experience, and reached the stature of a typical statesman. His defeat for re-election in 1887 was accepted without complaint, censure or criticism. His friends believed him justly entitled, by his eminent service to the indorsement, which a re-election would imply, labored zealously for him, and will ever believe that his defeat was the forerunner and the cause of the disasters which have overtaken his party in this State since that time.

Mr. Miller's political experiences have been varied and interesting. He has always been a believer in and an advocate of honest politics. For many years he directed the Republican organization in Herkimer county. He became an influential factor in State politics and his opinions always carried weight. He presided over the first Republican State Convention held after his election as senator in 1881, held in New York. His opening address was a memorable one. The convention was held soon after the death of President Garfield. “We meet under the shadow of a great sorrow,” was his well-remembered opening sentence. In 1882 he labored at Saratoga for the renomination of Governor Cornell. Secretary Folger was nominated and defeated by Cleveland, who then began his march as a “man of destiny.” At the State Convention held at Richfield Springs in 1883, he was chosen permanent president. In that convention he actively pressed a movement for a larger representation in State Conventions, based on Republican vote rather than the fixed plan of three from each assembly district. His plan was adopted very soon after and has since prevailed. In 1884 he favored the nomination of Blaine for president, which was the result of the Chicago Convention. In 1888 he was a delegate at the National Convention and was active in throwing the vote of New York for the nomination of Benjamin Harrison, his intimate associate in

the Senate. It is not generally known that Mr. Miller himself might have received the nomination had he permitted the real situation to be known among his friends. While the contest was going on several State delegations approached him and offered to give him their votes if the New York delegation would present his name. He would not broach the subject to any member of his delegation, and continued his efforts for Harrison. When the Republican State Convention met in the September following, Mr. Miller's name was the only one presented for the nomination of governor, and he was unanimously nominated amid great enthusiasm. The campaign which followed was a remarkable one. Mr. Miller at once began a vigorous campaign. He addressed over seventy meetings and visited nearly every county of the State. His speeches and his endurance were the wonder of his friends. He was brave and frank in his utterances and won the respect of his opponents. His party had spoken in its platforms for protection to America industry and for high license. He made a square issue. His experience in the Senate enabled him to present the subject of protection in its best form, and he courageously made a fight for the home against the saloon. The saloon interest made a desperate resistance, raised a large fund, and defeated Mr. Miller at the polls. Unreasoning supporters of Prohibition saw high license and temperance legislation killed for a generation. The plurality counted against him was 19,171. The Prohibition vote was 30,215. But he came out of the conflict a hero. He had made the contest on a national issue as well, carried New York for Harrison, thus making sure of the latter's election. The newly elected president sent a celebrated telegram to Mr. Miller, in which he referred to the great leader who had "fallen outside the breastworks." Thousands of devoted friends hoped and believed that Mr. Harrison would at least offer Mr. Miller a position in the cabinet, and a great movement was made with that end in view until checked by Mr. Miller himself. The latter was a delegate at the National Convention at Minneapolis in 1892. He favored the nomination of Mr. James G. Blaine, but he came home and took an active part in the campaign for Harrison.

Ever since he entered politics he has been active in every political campaign. He is a popular speaker. He talks common sense in a way to carry conviction. His arguments are straightforward, convincing, plain and unvarnished. Especially in agricultural communities is he a favorite speaker, and the vote cast for him for governor in the country districts testified to his popularity. He never has stooped to deception or intrigue in any of his political experiences. His word has always been sacredly kept, and he has been alike true to friend and opponent.

In 1889 he was elected president of the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company. A few months afterwards he made an extensive tour of observation in Nicaragua in the interest of the company. The trip was eventful from the fact that he and his party were shipwrecked on Roncador Island in the Caribbean Sea. No lives were lost, and there was little inconvenience beyond a vexatious delay. A boat was rowed seventy miles to another island to give information of the disaster and to arrange for relief. It was an exciting if not an enjoyable incident of the trip. Had the sea been less smooth at the time the vessel went on the treacherous rocks in the early morning, this sketch might have been an obituary. He has visited Europe in the interests of the

Canal and has also brought the enterprise to the attention of American capitalists in many States. He has faith with many others that this great projected waterway will be an accomplished fact, that the United States government will in good time indorse the undertaking, and that it will, when completed, revolutionize the commerce of the world. Mr. Miller does not allow his labors in this national work to interfere with careful attention to his large private interests. He is still an extensive manufacturer of wood pulp and paper, with plants at Lyons Falls, Herkimer, and Palmer Falls. He is an influential leader in the association of manufacturers, and must take pride in the fact that he has been such a powerful agent in bringing the manufacture of paper to its present wonderful state. He no doubt contrasts his present influential position with the dark days when he was struggling to make the world know the usefulness of the invention.

Personally, Mr. Miller is a type of vigorous manhood. Blessed with good health, abundant strength, a strong intellect, he stands as a worthy illustration of American pluck and energy. He hates hypocrisy and demagogism, is frank and open in his ways and his friendships, steadfast in his opinions which he believes to be right, a true friend and an honorable opponent. In 1865 he married Caroline Churchill, and his family consists now of his devoted and accomplished wife, one daughter, Augusta, and three sons, Max, Burr, and Guy. Miss Miller has been given a complete education in this country and has spent two years at institutions in Germany and Italy. Max is engaged in his father's manufactory at Palmer Falls. Burr is an architect in New York city, and Guy is finishing a course at Union University. All his children have been carefully and liberally educated. Mr. Miller's home on his farm at Herkimer is one of the pleasantest residences in the Mohawk valley, overlooking the Mohawk river, two great trunk railroad lines, the Erie Canal and county roadways. A view from his residence is a study in commerce, and may well inspire a sentiment of confidence in the growth and activity of the country. It is here that Herkimer county's most honored citizen spends his summers among his neighbors and his friends, passing the winter months in the metropolis. Mr. Miller keeps up his interest in national and commercial affairs, and he is an honored guest at every gathering which combines social pleasures with the discussion of questions of vital interests to the metropolis, the State or the country. His public addresses on educational questions in his own and other States rank with his political expressions as valuable contributions to the political, economic and educational literature of his time.

Mr. Miller is now in the full strength of his years and can feel the consciousness that he has given his friends, his State, and the republic the best efforts of his nature, and can already look back upon an honorable and useful life as the proudest legacy he can leave to his people.

## BENJAMIN F. GREENE

Was born in the town of Fairfield, read law in Herkimer, and removed to Chautauque county, N. Y., and was elected justice of the Supreme Court; he served from 1851 to 1861, having at one time been presiding justice. He was a careful painstaking officer.

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## EDMUND O'CONOR

Was born in Manheim, read law in Herkimer, removed to Binghamton, Broome county, and is now State Senator, with a good record.

PART II.

FAMILY SKETCHES.



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Abbot, Sardis L., Litchfield, one of the representative farmers of Litchfield, owns a dairy and grain farm of 120 acres. He was highway commissioner for three years, was three times justice of the peace, and held that office for ten years; he also held the office of assessor for five years. He was born in Cobleskill, Schoharie county, February 19, 1810, and settled in this town April 7, 1834. He married Rebecca Budlong, a native of this town, and born on this farm, where she lived all her life. She was born May 3, 1811, and she died October 3, 1888, leaving one son, Charles F.; she had two children who died: John J., August 21, 1858, and a daughter, Ophelia L. Maltby, who died September 15, 1878, and left three children: Eugene A., Charles W. and Lelia R. Maltby. Charles F., the only son of Sardis L. and Rebecca Abbott, married Alice E. Vincent, and they have four children: Florence A., Charles W., Gordon N. and Robert. Sardis L. Abbott is a son of James P., who was a son of Joseph, a native of Hamden county, Mass. Mrs. Rebecca Abbot was a daughter of John Budlong, a native of this State, and son of Aaron Budlong. The law in early days was that every boy eighteen years old was liable to military duty, consequently Sardis L. Abbott was enrolled, and went into the ranks, from which he rose to the rank of captain, and after serving four or five years he resigned.

Allen, D. E., German Flats, was born in Mohawk, April 12, 1852, and has been in the furniture business since he was eighteen years of age. In 1886 he married Miss Blanche Elwood. Mr. Allen is a Mason and a man of high standing socially in Mohawk. His father, Enos Allen, came to Mohawk in 1840 from Connecticut. His grandfather, Delaney Allen, was a native of Connecticut and the family history extends back two hundred years in this country. This well and favorably known furniture business was founded nearly half a century ago by E. Allen, father of the present proprietor. Some twenty years ago Mr. Allen associated with him his son, D. E. Allen, when it was conducted under the firm name of E. Allen & Son, and finally in 1886, at the death of his father, D. E. Allen assumed sole control; and he has fully maintained the high reputation of the house which it has always borne for handling the most reliable goods at the most reasonable prices. The warerooms are comprised in a four story building 22 x 60 feet in dimensions and having a floorage area of 6,000 square feet. D. E. Allen was born in Mohawk and is a gentleman of excellent business standing, enjoying the respect and esteem of the entire community. He is a director of the Mohawk Valley National Bank, the Mohawk Valley Knitting Mills, and the Knitting Company of Mohawk, Limited. He is also the possessor of considerable real estate in the village, and although busily engaged in his enterprise, he still finds

time to interest himself in fine Holstein cattle, and has one of the finest dairy farms of 225 acres in this section of the State, with a creamery and cheese factory attached.

Abrial, John, Little Falls, the foreman of George & Holden's mills, known as the Little Falls Paper Company, is a native of Livingston, Columbia County, N. Y. He has worked successfully in many factories, including Bingham Mills, Glencoe Mills, Livingston, and foreman at Linlithgo. He came to his present position four years ago and three years ago was promoted to the position of foreman. His ancestors were residents of this State for upwards of a century. Mr. Abrial is an expert in all departments of the manufacture, and to his skill and intelligence is due much of the credit for the excellence of the products of these mills.

Ashenhurst, W. F., Little Falls, is a native of Philadelphia and has always been in the plumbing business. At fifteen years of age he began his trade in New York City, remaining until 1872. He then went to Oswego and after spending seven years in that city, came to Little Falls in October, 1880, and the following March entered into partnership with Mr. McDermot. Mr. Ashenhurst is a thorough business man, of the highest integrity, and to his own abilities and industry he owes the success that he has met with. He is a high degree Mason, being past high priest of the chapter of R. A. M., and also an officer in the Little Falls Commandery of Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, and in politics he is a Republican.

Abbott, William H., Little Falls, was born in the State of Maine. His earlier years were passed upon a farm, and when about sixteen years of age he learned the photographic business, a business he has since carried on. He, after becoming a skilled artist, traveled for some time and located eventually about thirty-three years ago in Little Falls where he now conducts the leading art studio. He was appointed deputy sheriff under Valentine Brown in 1884 and served under him for three years and in 1892, January 1, he was again appointed deputy sheriff under Sylvester Wilson of Herkimer. He has also been foreman of one of the local fire companies. He married Miss Nancy E. Dygert of Little Falls, and has three children: Two sons and one daughter. Sheriff Abbott is thoroughly identified with local, social and benevolent institutions and has been just at present writing appointed excise commissioner.

Aland, Charles, Frankfort, was born in London, England, in November, 1855. He was one of three children of Henry and Martha Martin Aland. He was educated at Helperton Academy, Wiltshire. He married Annie E. Weaver, of London, and in 1880 came to the United States, locating at Rome, N. Y. Mr. Aland took charge of an iron foundry, where he remained for five years, when he came to Frankfort, and was placed in charge of the brass and iron foundry of the West Shore Railroad shops, where he has since remained.

Acers, Frank B., Warren August 22, 1854, and is a son of William E. and Caroline Duffell Acers. His grandfather, George Acers, came from Vermont and settled north of Little Lakes. He raised a large family and died September 23, 1830. William E. Acers was born in Vermont March 4, 1788, and came to



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Warren with his parents. He was married three times; first to Attie Scott, who bore him eight children, and died April 4, 1825; and he married second Margaret Scott, who bore him one child. His third wife was Caroline (Duell) Wall, the mother of our subject. Frank B. Acers began life for himself at the age of fourteen, working by the month. In 1876 he located where he now lives on 150 acres. He is a breeder of Ayrshire cattle, the only one thus engaged in this section; also of Cotswold sheep, of the Dan McDonald flock, for which McDonald received the first premium at the State Fair. He married June 25, 1875, Josephine, daughter of Lewis and Orpha (Waldron) Staring. They have three children, Carrie L., Grace M. and Kenneth G. He is a Republican, and both he and his wife are active in the Methodist church.

Abrams, Professor J. K., principal of the Church Street Union school, Little Falls, was born in the town of Charleston, Montgomery county, N. Y. When nine years old he moved with his parents on a farm near Braman's Corners, Schenectady county, attended the village school and worked on the farm when there was no school. When the Princeton Academy opened he entered that institution as a student; afterward the Charlotte Seminary, where he developed as a mathematician. He began teaching early in the fifties, when it was the ambition of farmers' sons to teach school for \$14 per month and board 'round. Twenty-five years ago he came to Little Falls to assume his present position, and has filled it with ability and success ever since. He is the oldest teacher in the county in point of actual teaching, which amounts to almost forty years. During all these years of teaching Prof. Abrams has been a close student of professional literature, besides covering a wide field of general reading. Prof. Abrams is a descendant of an old and honorable German family that came to America in the seventeenth century. He is a Mason and a member of the Presbyterian church. His people on his mother's side came from Connecticut in 1795, and his father served at Plattsburgh during the war of 1812.

Armstrong, George A., Winfield, was born in Otsego county July 14, 1859, a son of Azariah and Hannah Armstrong. He was educated at the Academy of West Winfield. He read with Dr. J. F. Huntley and studied medicine at the University of New York, graduating in 1884. He commenced practice at Elizabeth, N. J.; after that went to Burlington, Otsego county, where he practiced four years; then came to West Winfield and bought out Dr. J. F. Huntley, and has been here ever since. He married September 9, 1885, Emma Kate Greene, of Tarrytown, a daughter of Joseph and Hester Greene, and they have three children living, Vera H., and Allan Stone and Kenneth Greene. They have lost one child, Edna Grant, who died September 24, 1891, aged about one year.

Arnold, Thomas, Russia, was born in Rhode Island in 1820, a son of George, a son of Thomas, who was a native of Rhode Island, born in 1730. He was a farmer and lived and died in his native State. His wife was Hannah Green, a relative of General Green of Revolutionary fame. They had three sons and one daughter. George Arnold was a native of Rhode Island, born in 1777. He was a carpenter and built the court-house at Providence, R. I. He married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Randall,

and Anne Sprague Arnold. She was a daughter of Peter Sprague, of Cranston, R. I., who was a cousin of Governor Sprague. Mr. Arnold was a colonel in the State militia. He came from Newport in 1821, where he engaged in the manufacture of cotton yarn. In 1823 he removed to Poland, and there manufactured yarn for eight years. He afterwards engaged in buying and selling cotton until his death in 1871 in Poland, and his wife in 1871. Thomas Arnold came to Herkimer county with his parents when a child, and has resided in Newport and Poland for seventy years. He received a common school education, and was reared on the farm where he now resides. He was for a number of years engaged in buying stock and shipping dressed beef east from Chicago, and was also engaged in the same business at Utica. He is a Republican, and has been justice of the peace for about twenty years. His maternal grandfather was Jonathan Randall, a resident of Cranston, R. I.

Angell, Delavan A., Winfield, is agent and operator at Cedarville Station, on the Richfield Branch of the D. L. & W. R. R. He was the first station agent there, and had his office in a box car the first summer, that of 1870, when this branch was completed to Richfield Springs. He is a trustee of the Universalist church at Cedarville. He was born where he and his sisters, Amelia D. Angell and Louisa A. Angell, now live, in Chepachet. They have a brother, Charles D. Angell, who has one son, Elon Delavan Angell. They are children of Emer Angell, who was born in New Berlin, Chenango county, and Fidelia A. Payne Angell, who was born in Litchfield, this county, a daughter of Seth Payne, of Rhode Island, and Ruth Lynde, of Massachusetts. Their grandfather, Emer Angell, married Lydia Rice, in 1797, and emigrated from Providence, R. I., to New Berlin, N. Y., as one of the first settlers, journeying by marked trees. He was drafted to serve in the war of 1812.

Arnold, Harry C., Fairfield, is a representative of one of the oldest and best families. He was born June 12, 1862, on the farm he now owns. He received his education at Fort Plain and Fairfield. His farm consists of 350 acres and a dairy of seventy cows. He is a member of the Grange, and takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of the county. His father, Daniel B. Arnold, died in 1887.

Buck, Lyman H. was born in Russia, N. Y., January 2, 1837, a son of William Buck, who was born in Chesterfield, Mass., October 6, 1807. He bought a farm near Poland, where he resided until 1860, when he purchased an adjoining farm, where he lived the remainder of his days. He was the first president of the State Bank at Poland, organized in 1870, and president of the National Bank until his death. He died in 1880. His wife Susan, daughter of Jonathan and Susannah (Buck) Millington, is still living in Poland. Jonathan was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., in 1774, was a son of Solomon Millington, a native of Shaftsbury, who died in 1833, and his wife in 1835. Jonathan Millington had one son and five daughters. He was drafted in the war of 1812. He died in 1854. Lyman Buck was educated in Fairfield Seminary. In connection with farming, he taught school several terms. Afterwards followed farming, exclusively on the old homestead, which he and his brother now own. Mr. Buck with Charles D. Buck, Peter Newman, Felix Prindle and Marcena May, owned for a number of years the Poland cheese factory and manufactured large quantities of cheese. Lyman H.

Buck owns land in Herkimer County, and also quite extensively in several of the Western States. He is one of the stockholders and president of the Union Store in Poland. He is a Republican. He furnished a substitute in the Civil War. Mr. Buck has always supported the Baptist Church. His wife is Frances M. Ferris, whom he married February 20, 1865. She is a daughter of the late Col. Timothy H. Ferris, of Russia. Mr. Buck and wife have one child, Harriet Gudrida, at home.

Burlingame, B. W., Russia, was born August 19, 1849, in Minden, Montgomery county. His father was Peter B., son of Benjamin Burlingame of Dutchess county, who married Elizabeth Bice and had four sons and two daughters. His wife died in 1810 and he married a widow Dempster of Kingsbury. She died and he was a third time married. He died near Gray about 1852, aged seventy-six. Peter B. Burlingame was born July 29, 1804, in Dutchess county. November 17, 1834, he married Sarah E. Bonfie, a native of Montgomery county, born February 14, 1812, and a daughter of Barnabas Bonfie, who was a son of Henry, a native of Connecticut, who had seven children. Barnabas Bonfie was born January 13, 1785, in Amsterdam, and married Polly Smith, of Dutchess county, born February 22, 1787, by whom he had seven sons and three daughters. He died in Gray, 1871, and his wife in 1874. Peter B. Burlingame and wife had four sons and three daughters, two of whom are living, subject of sketch and Mary E., who has three children living. Her mother resides with her. Barnabas E., son of Peter B., was in the 117th New York Infantry, Company C., and died May 25, 1863, aged nineteen. Mr. Burlingame died January 14, 1888, in Grant. The subject of this sketch is a carpenter by trade, but his principal occupation has been farming. He is a Republican. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church and his wife is a Methodist. Mr. Burlingame was twice married: First, to Alma S., daughter of Henry Caruthers. She was born June 31, 1853, and died August 29, 1886. They had two children, of whom one died in infancy, and Frank W., born October 26, 1884. His second wife was Mattie (Hollenbeck) Pardee, born in Salisbury, October 10, 1845. Her father was Francis, son of Jasper Hollenbeck, born near Hudson, who married Miss Van Wormer, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. Francis Hollenbeck was born near Hudson, 1810. His wife was Margaret A. Emery and they had three sons and two daughters. He died October 26, 1872, and his wife in 1881. Subject's wife was first married in 1868 to Joseph Pardee, born 1837, in Russia, a son of Loren and Betsy (Prindle) Pardee of Russia. Joseph Pardee and wife had two children: Merritt J., deceased, and Edith G. Mr. Pardee died in 1871.

Bridenbecker, Amos, Schuyler, was born on the farm where he lives, April 20, 1817. His father, Daniel B., was also a native of Schuyler, and his grandfather came from Germany and took an active part in the War of the Revolution about Fort Schuyler. September 27, 1838, Mr. Bridenbecker married Caroline Pruyn, and they had three children: Mrs. Dr. E. W. Raynor and Mrs. George W. Richardson, and one son, Ezra D., who died September 19, 1851. He married second, in 1853, Ann M. Young. Mr. Bridenbecker was in the militia under General Spinner, with rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Brown, Horace, Frankfort, was born in Frankfort March 23, 1839, he being one of thirteen children of J. Z. Brown (son of Darius), who was born in the same town October 6, 1807; he was a farmer and a preacher, being a Methodist minister and preaching for fifty years. He died in his native town July 21, 1887. Darius Brown, a brother of Horace, was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion. He died May 10, 1864, aged twenty-nine years. His life was lost at Spottsylvania, his body not being recovered. Another brother, Burton, served in the war, was honorably discharged on account of ill health, and died about a year later. Mr. Brown has always made his home in his native town.

Bradley, H. W., German Flats, was born in St. Lawrence county June 2, 1852, and has been in mechanical lines all his business life. He came to Ilion in 1874 and entered the armory as tool maker. He has been assistant superintendent since 1888. In 1873 he married Anna G. Austin, of Windsor, Vt., and they have had one son, Lester H., who is studying at Norwich University. Mr. Bradley stands high in Masonry, and is one of the substantial men of Ilion.

Barringer, C. A., German Flats, was born in Ilion December 31, 1845, and has lived all his life on the farm where he was born. His father was Samuel Barringer, and his grandfather Zachariah Barringer. Our subject owns 135 acres of fine farming land, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, reside with him.

Burch, S. C., German Flats, was born January 8, 1861, and was educated in the Ilion Academy. After acting as book-keeper for some years, he and his father, C. B. Burch, started in business in 1884. The next year Mr. Burch married Alvira C. Budlong, daughter of William Budlong. Mr. Burch has been village clerk, and a prominent member of the K. of P., Odd Fellows, the Ilion Hook and Ladder Company, and is very highly esteemed in the social circles of Ilion.

Bellinger, George P., Danube, was born on the old farm in 1867. He was liberally educated at Fort Plain and at the Clinton Liberal Institute and assisted his father on the farm until the death of that gentleman, when he succeeded to the property, which occurred on the 2d of November, 1888. He married Grace Johnson on the 9th of September, 1891, and they have a daughter, Ruth, born November, 18, 1892. Christian Bellinger, great-grandfather to George P., settled here early in the seventeenth century; his great grandfather, Christian Bellinger, was taken prisoner by the Indians. His father, James Bellinger, lived and died on the old farm. He owns about 125 acres of fine dairy land and keeps about forty head of stock.

Burch, C. B., German Flats, was born in Otsego county December 7, 1834. His father was Orlo Burch. C. B. Burch was first engaged as a clerk and then in farming. He came to Ilion in 1865 and worked in the armory for ten years. In 1884 he established his present business. Mr. Burch is a Republican and a member of the A. O. U. W. In June, 1863, he married Miss Harriet A. Ross, and they have five children, three sons and two daughters; Seymour C., W. W., and A. W., are the sons.

Barse, F., German Flats, was born in Herkimer county, town of Herkimer, October 5, 1859, and came to Ilion in 1880. After filling responsible positions he embarked in

the saloon and bottling business fifteen years ago, and in 1882 the firm became Barse & Miller, as it at present exists. Mr. Barse married Mary E. Wildey, and they have one daughter, Kate. Mr. Barse's mother was a Miss Smith, related to the Smiths of Herkimer.

Benton, W. W., German Flats, was born in Andover, Vt., January 26, 1830. He was a blacksmith's son, and learned the trade of blacksmith. After two years spent in the armory at Springfield he came in 1863 to Iliou and has been in the armory ever since, being now one of the contractors. He is a Mason, and has served on the Board of Education. In 1856 he married Meriam L. Huntley; they had one son, W. W., jr., who died in his seventeenth year, a promising young man, who had already distinguished himself as a student.

Bennett, R. W., Frankfort, only son of Daniel and Calista (Dyke) Bennett, was born in Frankfort. Daniel, the father, was born in Connecticut. He settled in Frankfort sixty-five years ago and is now living at ninety-one years of age, his wife Calista also being eighty seven years of age; his father, Waterman Bennett, was a native of Connecticut; his father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. R. W. Bennett was married February 6, 1853, to Dorcas R. Cooledge, daughter of Horace and Mary (Buck) Cooledge, of Frankfort. They have one daughter, Flora A. (Mrs. John E. Maynard).

Maynard, John E., a native of the town of Litchfield, has lived in Frankfort fourteen years. He married February 6, 1878, Flora A. Bennett, of Frankfort; they have three children, Arthur B., Mabel A., and Ella Jenette. His place, "Valley View Stock Farm," of one hundred acres is as the name indicates, situated upon a hill which gives a fine view of the surrounding country. In 1890 Mr. Maynard built a very fine barn for dairy and stock purposes, it being thirty-six by seventy-two feet with twenty feet posts, and basement finely arranged for thirty cows, with stalls and box stalls for horses also, it being one of the notable buildings of the town.

Baird, John, Norway, was born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, November, 1852. He is the fourth of six children born to John and Elizabeth (McCulloch) Baird, of Scotland, where they lived and died. Elizabeth Baird died in 1855, and Mr. Baird married Mary Gordon, by whom he had ten children. He was a successful dairyman. He died in 1886. In 1871 John and his brother James came to America. James spent the most of his life, after coming here, in Otsego county, as a cheese-maker and school teacher. He died in 1876. John was reared on a farm and educated in the common parish schools of Scotland. He has followed cheese-making since he came to America. For the last ten years he has been engaged in the White Creek Cheese Factory of Norway. In 1881 he married Ella Fox and they have had three daughters: Grace N., Ella F., and Mildred E. Mr. Baird is a Republican and a member of Newport Lodge, No. 451, F. and A. M. Mrs. Baird is a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Elwood) Fox of Stark. Mr. Fox is of German descent and his wife is of English descent. They reared eight children and both died in Stark, N. Y.

Bellinger, J. C., of Newell & Bellinger, Little Falls, is a grandson and namesake of J. C. Bellinger, one of the prominent characters of the early part of the present century.

His great-grandfather was Henry Bellinger; so he represents the fourth generation of this branch of the Bellinger family in this State. J. C. Bellinger is a native of East Bloomfield, Ontario county, N. Y., where he was born in 1866. Although but a young man, he is one of the bright business men of the town. July 1, 1891, he entered into partnership with J. R. Newell. He had formerly been a clerk in the same business. In politics he is a Republican.

Barney, F. C., Little Falls, though a young man is distinctly one of the representative business men of Little Falls. He is a native of St. Lawrence county and a descendant of one of the oldest families in the county, on his mother's side. He embarked in the hardware business in 1888 with a Mr. Cooper, but in January, 1891, this firm dissolved and was replaced by Burney Brothers, as it remains at present, the partners being F. C. and J. G. Burney. The subject of this sketch is a member of both Odd Fellows and Masons. In politics he is a Republican. He has three brothers, and all four are Masons; one of the four raised the other three, all at one time. The business of Burney Brothers is large and important, and by honorable methods and superior business management they have become important factors in the commercial life of Little Falls.

Brown, Roswell E., Little Falls, commission broker for Armour & Company, is a native of Fairfield, and spent his early years in farming. Subsequently he spent some time in the live-stock business. Ten years ago he came to Little Falls to take his present position with Armour & Company, and during this time he has had a large and constantly increasing business. Mr. Brown is well known in the social as well as commercial circles of this part of the State, and is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. He is also a member of the order of B. and P. Elks and in politics he is a McKinley Republican. Mr. Brown's grandfather came to New York State from Connecticut.

Barney, Dr. A. G., Dolgeville, father of F. M. Barney, M. D., settled in Dolgeville in July, 1861. He died here September 2, 1888. F. M. Barney was educated in Fairfield Seminary and graduated from the Albany Medical College March 15, 1888. Dr. Barney married Mattie Broderick of Little Falls. They have no family. The doctor is health officer of the town and is identified with local, social and benevolent associations. His ancestors came originally from Massachusetts.

Bishton, F., German Flats, is a native of England and came to America in 1876, locating in Ilion. He established his meat-market here in that year and has since conducted it with success. In 1867 he married Miss Sarah Simpson and they have a family of four boys and two daughters. Mr. Bishton is a Democrat in politics and is a member of the Knights of Honor.

Bellinger, James H., Little Falls, is a son of P. E. Bellinger, of whom mention is made elsewhere, and although a young man is one of the representative farmers of Little Falls, and probably the most able and successful of all the men who are known under the same name. He is a native of this township and was educated in Little Falls and Utica. He married Eva Brown and they have one child, a son. He owns 162

acres, used for dairy purposes and grain, and has thirty-eight cows. Mr. Bellinger is a Democrat and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Burke, M. L., German Flats, is a native of Utica and was born September 23, 1837. He learned the locksmith's trade but has been for the last thirty-two years a contractor in connection with the Remington Arms Company. In 1857 he married Miss Annie Fogerty, by whom he has had six children, three sons and three daughters. The sons are William, Fred J., and Frank T., the daughters, Mrs. Charles R. Hubbell of Syracuse, Isabelle and Mary E., now Mrs. Charles H. Munson of Herkimer, H. Ellen T., now Mrs. Charles Fox of Little Falls. Mr. Burke is one of the leading men of Ilion and was elected trustee of the village in 1892. He is a Republican in politics and a member of Knights Templar in the Masonic order of Little Falls Commandery, No. 26.

Budlong, A. L., Frankfort, the only son of R. P. and Rebecca (Miller) Budlong of Frankfort, was born May 30, 1850, on the Budlong homestead where he now lives. His grandfather was Aaron Budlong, a native of the town, also born on the old family homestead, which was settled by his great-grandfather Aaron Budlong, he being one of the first settlers, when it was a forest. Rebecca (Miller) Budlong, the mother, was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Miller of Miller's Mills, Columbia. A. L. Budlong was married November 3, 1880, to Julia Marriner, one of three children of Edward and Julia (Frost) Marriner of New York City. They have had three children: Edward Marriner, Fred Eugene and De Elmo P. Budlong (died in infancy).

Briggs, William, German Flats, was born in Warwick, Kent county, R. I., June 23, 1814. He learned the cotton manufacturing business, which he followed in Rhode Island and New York States, for many years. He was in the Remington Armory for twenty-five years, and for the past nine years has lived a retired life. He has had a varied but successful career. He married Esther Ann Titus in 1839, and they had two sons, George T. and William T., both deceased, and one daughter, Ellen Bradley Briggs, who is prominent in the social affairs of the town. Mr. Briggs' father was William E., his grandfather William, and his great-grandfather came from Bristol, England. Mrs. Briggs died August 27, 1883.

Brockett, Clinton, Dolgeville, was born in the town of Oppenheim, November 6, 1826. His family gave its name to this vicinity (Brockett's Bridge). His father was postmaster for twenty-four years, and his brother for twenty years, while Mr. Brockett has served as deputy postmaster for some time. He married Ruth A. Leek. They have no children. Mr. Brockett now lives in Dolgeville (formerly Brockett's Bridge), retired from active business, having disposed of his farm. He has held local public offices, and has always been one of the foremost and most public-spirited citizens of the locality wherein his family have been popular and important members of the community since the Revolution.

Bidleman, Peter M., Manheim, was born in the town of Manheim, July 10, 1839. He received a good education in the public schools of Manheim and Little Falls Academy, and has always followed farming, having inherited from his father a farm of 150



acres, besides which he now owns two other farms. The Bidlemans are of Revolutionary antecedents, and have always been prominent in local affairs here. Peter M. Bidleman married May Broat, and has had four children, three sons and a daughter. The oldest son, Frank M. Bidleman, died February 1, 1900, aged twenty-four years, ten months and eighteen days.

Briggs, A. M., German Flats, was born in Sauquoit, Oneida county, December 8<sup>th</sup> 1844. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventeenth New York Volunteers, August 10, 1862, and served three years in the war. After the war he went into the hotel business at Cassville for five years. He was five years in Whitestown, six years in Herkimer, two years in Clayton, on the St. Lawrence, and has been four years in the Mohawk Valley Hotel, in Mohawk. In 1871 Mr. Briggs married Miss Nellie Ambrose, of Clayville, Oneida county, and he has two children, Charles D. and Edith Iona.

Baker, Walter, German Flats, was born in Sheffield England, June 8, 1837, and came to America in 1847. He was engaged in different shops in Connecticut until 1861, when he came to Ilion, where he was connected with the armory as contractor for twenty-five years. He now does the drop forging and cold pressed work for the Wyckoff, Seaman & Benedict Typewriter Company. In 1856 he married Sarah M. Spencer, and they have seven children, three sons and four daughters. Mr. Baker is a prominent Mason, and has been chief of the Ilion fire department.

Brown, E. H., of Little Falls, is a native of Union Square, Oswego county, N. Y., and was educated there. He traveled for himself for some years and then started business in Watertown, N. Y., with his brother. April 11, 1880, he inaugurated his present enterprise in Little Falls, and has conducted it most successfully since, his place having the reputation of being the leading family dry goods, hat and millinery house in Little Falls. Mr. Brown's ancestors were natives of New York State for three generations before his time. In December, 1888, he married Harriet Davies, of Cleveland, O., and they have one son. Mr. Brown is a Republican in politics, and the family are members of the Episcopal church.

Bacon, Warren H., Dolgeville, was born in Oppenheim. He received his education in the Fairfield Seminary, Clinton Liberal Institute, and the Cazenovia Seminary, and commenced the study of law in the office of Judge Keck, of Johnstown. After three years therein, and upon the death of his father, he left his studies to settle up the estate of his family. Mr. Bacon was elected supervisor of the town of Oppenheim in 1878, 1879, 1880, and in 1883, being chairman of the board for two terms. He is at present trustee of the village of Dolgeville, justice of the peace of the town of Oppenheim, district deputy of I. O. O. F., member of the Royal Arcanum, and identified with all social and benevolent institutions. He owns the old homestead of 120 acres of dairy land in Oppenheim. Mr. Bacon's ancestors on his father's side came from Dudley, Mass., in 1819, and settled there. His great-grandfather, Jonathan Bacon, was a soldier in the Revolution. His grandfather was Jonathan Bacon jr., and his father was George H. Bacon. On his mother's side he is descended from the Davis family, who came to Massachusetts, or Maine, in 1642, of English parentage.



Burch, R., Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler, and is a son of George Burch, who was one of the most successful men in this town, past or present. His grandfather, Robert Burch, came from Killingby, Conn. In 1870 Mr. Burch married Sarah Isabella, daughter of Solomon T. Hubbard, of Newport, R. I., and they have one daughter, Belle Louise. Mr. Burch is largely interested in railroad stock, and in farming.

Brice, Martin, Schuyler, was born in Germany, October 18, 1842, and came to America in 1849. March 27, 1883, he married Mrs. Elmira Baum, one of the wealthy women of Schuyler. The family consists of Horatio R., for two years principal of the Richville Union School, St. Lawrence county, Byron H., and Ida Baum. Another daughter is Mrs. Chas. A. Cramer. The farm comprises 210 acres and a dairy of thirty-five cows, with fine substantial buildings.

Breckwoldt, Julius, Dolgeville, was born in Germany, in which country he received a good education. In 1872, at the age of fifteen, he came to New York city, and served his apprenticeship with F. W. Jgunge. About 1877 he became an employee of Alfred Dolge, and has since risen to be general overseer of the moulding departments, and treasurer of the business. He supervises about forty hands. Mr. Breckwoldt is a member of the Dolgeville Board of Education, treasurer of the fire company, president of the Dolgeville Herald Publishing Company, president of the Dolgeville Coal Company, and treasurer of the Dolgeville Building and Loan Association. He is also identified with all social and benevolent institutions. Mr. Breckwoldt married Miss Jennie N. Lambertson. They have two children.

Brockett, Z. G., Dolgeville, was born at Brockett's Bridge, now Dolgeville, February 19, 1868. He received his education here and at the Albany Normal School, and after clerking and teaching school for a few years, he established about three years since his present grocery and drug business. Mr. Brockett's ancestors for several generations have been located here and identified with the welfare of this vicinity. His grandfather was postmaster for twenty-five years, and his father twenty-six years. Mr. Brockett is identified with the Masonic lodge, the Odd Fellows, etc., besides being associated with local and benevolent institutions.

Bradford, George H., Manheim, was born on the old farm of 130 acres, in Manheim, upon which he now lives and owns, it having descended to him from his father. Mr. Bradford has been identified considerably with local progressive affairs, and has held the office of town clerk for two years. He married Miss Kittie Feeter, and has three children (two girls and one boy). His family are of Revolutionary antecedents and are much respected in this county. He is identified with the County Grange, Royal Arcanum, etc.

Bell, Charles, Herkimer, was born in Columbia, Herkimer county. He received his education in the Cedarville High School and Whitestown Seminary, and commenced the study of law with Earl & Prescott, and was admitted to the bar from the office of Steele & Prescott June 20, 1884. On January 19, 1885, he formed a copartnership with J. D. Henderson for the practice of law, which firm still exists, and is one of the most prominent law firms in Herkimer county. Mr. Bell is a member of the police

and fire commissioners, which offices he has held since their organization in 1787. He was selected chairman of the Democratic County Committee in 1889 which office he still retains. He also a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken his thirty-second degree, and is identified with various social and benevolent institutions. He married Carrie, daughter of J. J. Steele, of German Flats. Mr. Bell's father is Warner Bell, his grandfather Nicholas Bell, and his great-grandfather Philip Bell, the latter having been killed in the Revolutionary War. The ancestry of the family is Mohawk Dutch.

Bradford, Hopestill, Newport, was born in Fairfield, November 19, 1812, a son of Joseph and Lovina (Tyler) Bradford, who were natives of Massachusetts. Joseph Bradford settled in Fairfield about 1809 and moved to Newport in 1815. He was a native of Zoar, Berkshire, Mass., and settled in this town in 1826. He followed farming and dairying. He was a son of Elisha and Eunice (Bennett) Bradford, his father having been a soldier in the Revolution. Our subject was the only child, and married January 24, 1843, Rebecca M., daughter of Royal P. and Rebecca (Green) Luther. Rebecca Green was born in Warren in 1804, a daughter of Dyer and Sallie (Eddie) Green, and a native of Massachusetts. Her daughter, Rebecca, was born in Cheshire, Mass., in 1822, May 27, and settled in this town in 1835. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford have three children as follows: George L., cashier of the Oneida National Bank of Utica; Alice C., born January 9, 1842, died March 4, 1867; Lovina C., born September 23, 1854, died April 8, 1861. Our subject is a Democrat and has been assessor and trustee. George L. Bradford married Married Mary C. Morcy, a native of Fairfield and a daughter of David and Elsie (Buchanan) Morcy, of Newport. He graduated from the Whitestown Seminary, and was engaged in the Newport Bank for seven years, then with the Oneida National Bank for twenty-two years. He has two children, Reba A. and Florence L., the former born July 6, 1869, and the latter born April 15, 1871.

Bunce, George H., Herkimer, was born in the town of Russia October 21, 1865. His father is Madison Bunce. He was educated in the schools of Norway and Prospect, and took a Latin scientific course in Fairfield Seminary, graduating as valedictorian of the class of '84. After this he taught school winters and worked summers on a farm until 1887, when he began the study of law with E. A. Brown in Herkimer, and was admitted to the bar in 1891. He was appointed clerk of the Surrogate's Court in January, 1890, which position he at present occupies. He was married in 1887 to Miss Mary E. Curtis, of Ohio, N. Y. Mr. Bunce is identified with local, social and benevolent institutions, such as Odd Fellows, Kappa Gamma Phi Club, Hook and Ladder Company, etc.

Bellinger, J. M., Mohawk, was born in Mohawk January 20, 1849. He received an excellent education, and was connected with the Remington Armory for twenty-three years. During this time he kept books for Mr. John Hoefer for ten years. Mr. Bellinger followed civil engineering and telegraphy, and was connected with the New York, Utica and Ogdensburg Railroad for two years; was with Beckwith & Quackenbush at the building of the West Shore Railroad at Little Falls and had charge of the construction. Mr. Bellinger was also a member of the New York and

ufactory in Mohawk, which has steadily increased since its inception. He employs twenty-five hands. For thirteen years past he has been second lieutenant of the Thirty-first Separate Company of the National Guards, and is the third ranking second lieutenant in the State. Mr. Bellinger married Miss Allie M. Harris. They have no family. He is a Mason and identified with local, social and benevolent institutions.

Bellinger, Peter, Manheim, was born in this county March 7, 1826. He is descended from Revolutionary stock, and has been a very successful farmer for many years. He has owned as many as five farms at different times. Mr. Bellinger married Miss Mary A. Goodell, a daughter of Andrew Goodell, and has three children living. Mr. Bellinger has held local public office, and is much interested in all measures tending to the progress of this community. He is at present an extensive real estate owner.

Burns, Edward M., Herkimer, general manager of the Adirondack & St. Lawrence R. R., is a native of Albany and began his business career as a clerk in a country store, and for some years afterwards was so employed by a merchant in Albany, and at the breaking out of the war as a clerk in the inspector-general's office at the State Capitol in Albany. After some one hundred regiments of volunteers were organized he enlisted as a private in the 97th N. Y. Volunteers, but was at once promoted to a 2d Lieutenantcy in the 94th N. Y. Volunteers, then serving as Provost Guard at Alexandria, Va., but very soon afterwards ordered to the field where he served during the campaign of McDowell, Banks and Pope about the defence of Washington and in the valley, doing some staff duty. His health giving out, by reason of the severe labor and exposure, he was for a time a patient in the hospitals about Alexandria, but was finally sent north with but little hope for his life. At the request of his colonel, brigade and division commander, the secretary of war made a special order exempting him from the operation of the order requiring disabled officers to resign and accept pensions. As his health slowly returned his services were required by the government as deputy provost marshal for the 14th Dist. N. Y., comprising the counties of Albany and Schoharie, which position he held during all changes of administration until some eighteen months after the close of the war, at which time owing to the complete and perfect condition of the records under his care, he was offered the opportunity to go to Washington to take charge of all such records there, but declined, preferring to enter active business, which he did as a piano forte manufacturer, succeeding to a business established by his father. In 1867 he married Miss Mary A. Thomas and came to Middleville N. Y., forming a partnership with his brother and continuing the business of tanning calf skins which had been carried on by his wife's grandfather, father and brother. He is a Republican and a 32d degree Mason (Scottish Rite). Mr. Burns was the projector of the railroad which he now manages. The road was built in 1880-1 and he was elected president and operated the road as a narrow gauge until the property was sold in 1890. The new owners made Mr. Burns vice-president and general manager, which position he held until the road again changed hands and came into the possession of Dr. W. S. Webb, who rebuilt the road, made it a standard gauge and extended it to Malone, Mr. Burns retaining his position as general manager which he still holds.

Bly, Daniel W., Norway, was born in Salisbury April 15, 1852. His father was Horace R. Bly, a son of Daniel Bly. The latter was a native of Rhode Island born in 1782 and an early settler in Norway, where he lived and died in 1823. His wife was a Miss Bennett, who bore him five children. After the death of Mr. Bly she married Mr. Barkley, and had one son, John, who was killed in the late war. Horace R. Bly was born in Norway August 26, 1815. He married Harriet A. Legg of Mendon, Mass., born June 14, 1817, who bore him three sons and two daughters. Mr. Bly was a Republican, was once collector, and he and his wife were members of the M. E. Church at Gray. Mr. Bly died February 22, 1880, and his wife resides with subject. Daniel W. Bly was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1876 he married Jennie E. Wilcox of Norway, born November 10, 1853, a daughter of Parker and Adeline (Hall) Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox was born in Rhode Island in 1816 and he died in July, 1892, and his wife in September, 1858. Daniel and his wife have had three children, Nellie A., Daniel W., and Leah W. When young Mr. Bly worked at the tanner's trade. He afterwards became a farmer, which business he has since followed. For ten years he engaged in the nursery business in Painesville, Ohio. He is a Republican and was supervisor of Norway in 1892. He is a member of Newport Lodge, 455 F. & A. M.

Bushnell, K. A., M. D., Little Falls, was born at Albany, N. Y., and graduated from the Albany Medical College in the class of '78. He commenced an active practice here in 1879. He is president of the Herkimer County Medical Society, consulting physician of Faxon Hospital, Utica, N. Y., trustee of the village of Little Falls and identified with leading social organizations such as Royal Arcanum Home Circle, etc. He is also a high-up Mason and enjoys a most lucrative practice in his profession. Mr. Bushnell's family were originally New Englanders. He married Miss Alice Gray of Herkimer.

Bose, John, Herkimer, is a native of Germany, but has been in this country twenty-three years. He began life in America as a clerk in a store in New York. After two years in this capacity he spent a year in a distillery and then came to the Washington Mills, Oneida county. He spent one year in the Utica factory of Frankfort and then came to the H. D. Elison farm to work it. This farm of 500 acres he works at present and owns sixty acres besides. He has eight children, six boys and two girls. They are Henry J., Wm. F., George L., Fred A., Annie M., Arthur U. G., Cora L., and John M. Mr. Bose takes no sides in politics, but votes for whom he believes to be the best man.

Brayton, Stephen, Russia, and his wife, Abigail (Eddy), and their oldest son, Smith, came from Cheshire, Mass., in 1802, and settled at Brayton's or Luther's Corners, where Stephen bought and sold land and followed farming. Their children were Smith (deceased), Stephen (deceased), Lucetta (deceased), wife of Ellis Martin (deceased), and Rensselaer (deceased). They were all residents and farmers of the town of Newport. Smith married Candace, daughter of Aaron Martin, and their children were Louisa (deceased), wife of Jason Ames; Albert W., Abigail, Aaron (deceased), John, Stephen (deceased), Warren A. and Emma, who died when one year old.

John Budlong came from Rhode Island about 1780, at the age of nineteen, to this county in 1788. He married in 1793, Zilpha Ladd, of Schuyler, Herkimer county, N. Y., commenced housekeeping in a log house, no fortune except a wife. She lived to the age of seventy-four, he sixty-nine years. They had six sons and two daughters. Two sons died unmarried. The remainder married. All settled in this State. The oldest son, Nathan, remained with his father on the homestead. In 1823 he married Sally Packard, of Wayne county, N. Y. They had five children, two died unmarried. The daughter Chloe married James J. Maurice, of Aurora, Cayuga county, N. Y. They had no children. She died October 17, 1888, at the age of fifty-six. John N., of Schuyler, a farmer and cattle dealer, married September 14, 1864, to Mary A. Bridenbecker, of Schuyler. They had one daughter, Maud. He died in 1873, aged thirty-five years. The widow and daughter reside in Utica. Maud married B. L. Fitch, of Utica, occupation merchant tailor. Ira P. Budlong was born August 7, 1826. On November 16, 1853, he married Mary A. Brown, of Fairport, Monroe county, N. Y. They reside on the homestead and own six other farms, all devoted to dairying purposes. They have three children, Clayton, Arthur and Cora Dodge, all married and farming. Farms all join the old homestead.

Bellinger, Henry H., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer, N. Y., and educated in the schools of Little Falls and Fairfield. He is part owner of a large farm, originally consisting of 292 acres, but has sold off some lots on Bellinger street, and the extension of Church street. His father was born here and was a farmer. He took part in the war of 1812, at Sackett's Harbor. Mr. Henry H. Bellinger enlisted in the 152d N. Y. Volunteers, Company A, and served under Hancock, Dix and Foster. He was subsequently in the adjutant-general's office. His father's name was Fred P. Bellinger, a prominent man of his day, who held seats in both the Legislature and Senate.

Babcock, Calvin G., Newport, was born in Brookfield, Madison county, N. Y., January 7, 1835. His father was Richard C. Babcock, a son of Gideon Babcock, who was an early settler of Madison county. Richard C. was a native of Rhode Island and one of the first settlers of Madison county. He was a sea captain, having crossed the ocean sixteen times and visited all the important places in Europe, but spent his last days in Madison county as a farmer. His wife was Mary C. Perry, a cousin of Commodore Perry. They had six sons and four daughters, Calvin G. being the youngest. Mr. and Mrs. Babcock both died in Madison county. Calvin G. was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools, and in Brookfield and Hamilton Academy. On the 20th of November, 1859, he married Lodema Gile, a native of Oneonta, N. Y., by whom he had three children, Mary C., George H. and Calvin G., jr. In 1869 Mr. Babcock with his family came to Newport and settled on the place he now owns. He is a cheese maker by trade and owns Shedbrook factory of Newport, Sterling Creek factory of Schuyler, North Schuyler factory in Schuyler, and the Newport factory. He and his family are Baptists.

Barse, Irving, Little Falls, is a native of Little Falls, and has been a farmer always. He is young and energetic, and is making his way in the world successfully, owning at present eighty acres of land, which he utilizes for dairying purposes, and keeping

fifteen cows. In 1880 he married Mamie Burt, and they have two daughters. Mr. Barse is a member of the Grange at Little Falls.

Babcock, Stephen E., Little Falls, civil engineer, is a native of Troy, N. Y., and has spent all of his adult years in his profession, being known from the Atlantic to the Pacific as one of the greatest hydraulic engineers of the Union. He has been in Little Falls seven years and has constructed water-works for Amsterdam, N. Y., Johnstown, N. Y., Gloversville, Troy, Greenwich, Ticonderoga, etc., as well as for Little Falls and other places. He is now engineer of the Little Falls Water works and engineer of the Glens Falls sewer system, twenty-five miles, now being constructed, and is considered an expert in all departments of his profession. He is also well known in social circles over a wide extent of country, and is a prominent Mason, a member of Apollo Commandry, No. 15, Troy, a Knight Templar, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Engineers' Club, New York city, vice-president of the American Water Works Association and Fellow of the American Geographical Society, as also patentee of several valuable devices for improved sewerage.

Bullock, Charles B., Ohio, was born in Norway, N. Y., June 13, 1835. His parents were Ira and Mary (Hodge) Bullock. (See biography of Augustus Odit.) Charles V. was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He early learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed in Norway and Cold Brook fifteen years. In 1857 he married Mary C. Hall, a native of St. Johnsville, N. Y., and to them were born two daughters, Fannie, who married Samuel Lawton, of Ohio, and has two daughters, Agnes and Myrl; they live at Cold Brook; and Emma. Emma resides with her parents. For the last twenty years Mr. Bullock has resided on a farm in Norway. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church of Norway. Mr. Bullock was drafted in the late war, but furnished a substitute. The parents of Mrs. Bullock were Dennis and Fannie Hall, who were early settlers of Gray, coming there from St. Johnsville, N. Y. They were the parents of four children. Mr. Hall was drum major in the Ninety-seventh New York Infantry and served three years. Mr. Hall was a furrier by trade.

Barwell, Henry, Russia, was born in Market Harborough, Leicestershire, England, March 25, 1838, a son of Joseph and Mary (French) Barwell. Mr. Barwell studied medicine and practiced in England many years. He died in 1875. His younger son, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools and at Airedale Academy, graduating thence at the age of fifteen years. At nineteen he came to the United States, locating in the West. About 1866 he came to Poland, where he has since resided. He is a Republican, a member of Newport Lodge, F. and A. M., and has been a Mason since 1860. May 1, 1872, he married Emily C. Cruikshank, of Deerfield, Oneida county, born October 28, 1852, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Pierce) Cruikshank, who was a direct descendant of Captain Michael Pierce, who came from England to America in 1646, and was slain in battle by the Indians March 26, 1676, near Pawtucket Falls. Mr. Barwell and wife have two children, Mary E. Larned and Harry Leicester.

Benedict, William C., Russia, was born in Whitesboro, Oneida county, February 13, 1850, a son of William Benedict, whose father was a native of New Canaan, Conn. He had seven sons and two daughters. William Benedict was born in 1814, was apprenticed to a tanner and followed that business. He has been a resident of Whitesboro about fifty years. His wife was Rachel Hogan, a native of New Scotland, Albany county, born in 1818, and they had five sons and one daughter. Mr. Benedict was a Whig and afterwards a Republican. He was trustee of the village in which he lived. Subject of sketch was reared as a tanner and educated in the common schools. In 1870 he married Elizabeth Wimble, a native of Whitesboro and daughter of Jesse and Eliza Wimble, who were natives of England. They came to America and first settled in Vermont, and afterwards in Whitesboro. They had twelve children. Mr. Benedict and wife have one son, Charles G., who resides in Grant. His wife is Libbie A., daughter of John and Catharine (Miller) Jones of Northwood. Mr. Benedict, previous to 1875, was engaged in a tannery with his father at Whitesboro, the firm being known as Benedict & Son. In that year he went to Stittsville and followed his trade three years, then returning to Whitesboro, where he remained two years. He then engaged in tannery five years for Clark Dodge of Grant, N. Y. At the end of that time he purchased the property, and has since carried on a successful business. He is a Republican and has been supervisor of the town.

Boyer, Horace M., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, June 6, 1840. His great-grandfather was one of the original settlers (Mohawk Dutch) of the valley and participated in the war of the Revolution. Joseph Boyer, a son of this Revolutionary soldier, and grandfather of Horace M., participated in the Indian wars of 1812. Horace M. Boyer was engaged with his father, Joseph Boyer, jr., in contracting, and upon the death of the senior Boyer, succeeded to the business, which he has successfully carried on before and since the late war. At the out-break of the war he enlisted in the Seventh Independent Battery of Newburgh, N. Y., and participated in many of the most important battles and engagements during that period. Among these were Williamsburgh, Fair Oaks, Chicamauga, Seven Days' Fight, Hatcher's Run, Siege of Petersburg, Fort Darling, Evacuation of Richmond, etc. He served as orderly sergeant during the four years, and was mustered out at the close of the war. Mr. Boyer married Margaret Varsen, of Fairfield. They have no children. In contracting, Mr. Boyer has erected the larger number of important structures, bridges, etc., in the vicinity, among which we mention the residences of Messrs. Burrell, Richmond, Houghton, Lintner, Bellinger, Metropolitan Hotel, Congress Block, etc.; also the Skinner Opera House and numerous other prominent buildings. He built the stone wall opposite the elevator, which is fifty-three feet high, five hundred feet long, twenty-three feet thick at bottom, four feet at top, etc. Mr. Boyer is a staunch Democrat, but don't want an office.

Burgess, Mrs. Sarah A., Winfield, was born in the house where she now lives, and is a daughter of Sanders and Elisabeth (Prescott) Dodge. Her father was born 1803, in Minden, and came to Winfield with his parent at an early age. He settled in Chepachet about 1835, in the stone house now occupied by his daughter. He



married Elisabeth Prescott February 29, 1839, and died October 5, 1889, at the age of eighty-seven years. Their children were Dr. Dodge, of Oneida Castle, and Mrs. Sarah A. Burgess. Sanders Dodge was a brother-in-law of the late Amos H. Prescott, formerly judge of Herkimer county, and of Daniel M. Prescott, of Oneida county. Sarah A. Dodge married George W. Burgess, of Otsego county, N. Y., October 26, 1858, he died April 25, 1862, aged twenty-eight years and left one daughter, Eva A., who died October 18, 1888, aged twenty-nine years, she left a daughter, Sophie Smith, who lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Burgess.

Bailey, Albert, Winfield, was born in Wales in 1840. He came here in 1842 with his father, George Bailey, who married Mary Clark, in Yorkshire, England. Their only son, Albert Bailey, married Adeliza Irons in 1865. She was a native of Hartwick, Otsego county, and a daughter of Asa Irons and Abigail Roberts. Albert and Adeliza Bailey have two children living: E. Julia May and George A. Bailey.

Brace, Lucius F., Winfield, is one of the assessors of the town of Winfield, which office he has held for seventeen years. He was born August 30, 1822, and has been on the farm where he now lives since 1847. He is son of Captain Asahel Brace, whose father was Deacon Abel Brace, one of the first settlers of Winfield. Lucius F. Brace married Margaret J., daughter of Israel Young, of Columbia. They have one son, Frank L. Brace, editor and proprietor of the *West Winfield Star*, also supervisor of the town of Winfield. Murray Eleazer Brace was born on the farm where he now lives, the old homestead of Eleazer C. Brace, his grandfather; and after him it was owned and occupied by his son, Parnach P., after him by his son, Murray Eleazer Brace, who still owns and occupies the old homestead of about 100 acres. Parnach Brace was born on this farm January 28, 1838, and died here June 2, 1885. He was married to Lizzie Round December 13, 1864, she was a daughter of James K. Round, a native of this town, who was born June 3, 1809, and died April 16, 1849. He married Barbara Clapsaddle, of Columbia, November 12, 1835, a daughter of Dennis Clapsaddle. Mr. and Mrs. Round had two children, Lizzie and Murray; the latter was born September 25, 1836, and enlisted October 13, 1861, sergeant in Company C, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteers. He came home on a furlough on account of disability, and died four weeks later, July 29, 1861.

Booth, Amanda M., Russia, is a daughter of Elihu, who was a son of Alexander, a native of New Haven, Conn., born December 11, 1767. His wife was Huldah Thompson, born April 22, 1768, by whom he has these children: Elisha, Neas, Elihu, Harvery, Russell, Walter and Mehitable. In 1811 Alexander Booth and all his sons except Russell came to Russia, and the next year the other members of the family joined them. Mr. Booth was a Democrat and died July 11, 1829, and his wife June 14, 1842. Elihu Booth was born in Connecticut December 22, 1795. At the age of sixteen he came with his parents to Russia. Here he married Nancy Tiffany in 1829, a native of Cooperstown, born March 14, 1805. Her parents were Ebenezer and Silence Tiffany, who has five daughters and three sons. He died February 4, 1852, and his wife July 16, 1851. Elihu Booth and wife have four children, Amanda M., Elihu N., Castella C. and Castella N. Amanda M. is the only one living, and her home is at Prospect, N. Y.



Elihu Booth was a Democrat and commissioner of highways, also constable for many years. He died May 3, 1859, and his wife September 13, 1877. The wife of Elihu N. was Margaret Caruthers, daughter of William Caruthers. They had one child, Margaret N., who owns and resides on the old homestead. Castella C. married Thomas Smith, of Brooklyn, and had one son, Thomas E., who died aged two years. Mrs. Smith died November 6, 1883, at Prospect. Elihu N. Booth died January 19, 1892, and his wife February 27, 1892, in Grant. Elihu Booth was a soldier in the war of 1812, and after its close was a captain and general of militia which had general trainings each year in different localities of the town. He helped build the first church in Grant, and took an interest in all movements to build up the village and its religious growth. Alexander Booth came to Russia with his family and settled four miles in the wilderness, where he built a saw-mill on Black Creek, cleared a small plat of ground and erected a frame house for the family to live in. He commenced clearing off the farm, sawed logs at the mill, built a bridge over Black Creek and erected a number of buildings, a post-office, established mail once a week. The name of Black Creek was changed to Pottsville, and later to Booth, after the first settlers. At the time of the assassination of Lincoln it was changed to Grant. After the death of Alexander, Elihu bought out the interest of the other heirs in the saw-mill and farm, and kept the first store, made potash, and took a load to Albany once in two weeks, across the country, there being no railroads at that time. At his death his son Elihu N. bought out the other heirs, and followed his father in religious zeal and enterprise. His daughter, Margaret N., was the sole heir to the estate, which has passed to the fourth generation, and has been in the Booth family possession for nearly 100 years. Melitable Booth taught the first school in the barn, opposite the house on the Booth farm. Nine years ago the old saw-mill was carried off by high water.

Bemiss, Oscar, Winfield, one of the representative farmers of Winfield, was born in Richfield, Otsego county, May 1, 1822, and came to Winfield in 1832, with his father Asahel C. Bemiss, who was born May 9, 1780, and died December 27, 1848. He married Betsey Harding, born September 20, 1792, who died March 27, 1884. Oscar F. Bemiss married, February 20, 1850, Esther A. Bemiss; born September 26, 1822, died September 23, 1892, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, and twenty-three days. She was a daughter of Jonathan Bemiss, of Edmeston, Otsego county. Oscar F. and Esther A. Bemiss had five children: E. Elizabeth, Martha O., Lyman D., Kate M., and Flora C. Bemiss. Martha married Frank M. Westfall, and they have two daughters, Mabel Bell, and Orrilla May.

Brace, Woodruff A., Winfield, was born on the old homestead joining the farm where he now lives, April 17, 1816, and has lived on this same farm over fifty years, having bought it with his brother Asahel G. in 1839. He married Julia M., daughter of Israel Young, of Columbia, May 31, 1843. They have one daughter, Florence A., born June 10, 1850. She married May 15, 1879, Mr. Arlington Spicer, and they have two children, Elsie Eusebia and Bertha Brace Spicer. They all live as one family on the old homestead. M. Arlington Spicer was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, February 16, 1853, is a son of Minor and Mary Ann (McFarland) Spicer. Minor was a son of Edward Spicer, a soldier of the Revolution, and one of the first settlers of Plain-

ness. Mary A. McFarland was a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Palmer) McFarland.

The Brace Family, Winfield. It was in the year of 1793 that Abel Brace, a man of fifty-three years of age, who had served as captain in the Revolutionary War, and been a member of the State Legislature of Connecticut, left his home near Hartford, Connecticut, to make a new home in the wilderness of Central New York. By the aid of marked trees, he found his way from Herkimer to the central part of the town of Litchfield (the town of Winfield was not formed until 1816), and built a log house but a few rods distant from the present residence of his youngest great-grandson, Seward H. Brace. He was accompanied by his wife, her aged mother (Mrs. Lydia Woodruff), and his entire family, consisting of nine sons and five daughters, most of whom were married, and with their families made an important addition to the population of the new country. One son, James Brace, did not like pioneer life, and soon returned to Connecticut. The others settled in the immediate vicinity of their father's home. After a time, these early settlers did not feel secure in the possession of their farms, and it seemed wise that some one go to Washington and adjust matters. Abel Brace was the man chosen for the hazardous undertaking. Most of the journey must be made on foot. His neighbors and friends met to bid him God-speed, and many earnest prayers were offered that he might return in safety. He was for many years deacon of the Congregational church, and when he passed away in 1832 he was carried to his last resting-place, a mile away, by the hands of loving friends. As the years rolled on death claimed some of his descendants, and others followed the tide of emigration westward until there were none left in the town of Winfield bearing the name except the family of Capt. Isabel Brace. He had married Caty Curtis, of Farmington, Connecticut, and occupied the paternal home. They raised a family consisting of five daughters and six sons. The daughters married and left their native town, as did the second son, James Brace. But for more than forty years Captain Asahel Brace and five of his sons lived within a mile of each other, enjoying peace and plenty. In 1867 change came, and Captain Asahel Brace was gathered to his fathers. In 1869 Asahel Gridly Brace passed away, leaving no descendants. In 1871 Eleazer Curtis Brace also died. He left three sons and three daughters. His only descendant bearing the name now living in Winfield is Murry Eleazer Brace, who has just attained his majority, and occupies his father's home. Of the three sons of Captain Andrew Brace now living, the eldest is Abel Woodruff Brace, seventy-six years old, who lives on the farm that he bought more than fifty years ago. His only child is a daughter, Mrs. M. Arlington Spicer, who, with her husband and children, reside with him. The next, Lucius F. Brace, has also attained to three score years and ten. He lives on the farm to which he removed forty-five years ago, when he left the parental home. His only child is Frank L. Brace, the present supervisor of the town, who has been for some years a successful grower of small fruits, and has recently launched an editorial bark in the form of the *West Winfield Star*. The youngest is Henry L. Brace, who inherited the family home, and did much to make it a model farm. Ten years ago he removed to West Winfield, leaving his place in the care of his only son, Seward Brace. He has also one daughter, Mrs. Adel-

bert Leach. In religion the Brace family have been Congregationalists; in politics Republicans; and by precept and example total abstainers from all intoxicating drinks; most of the family abstaining also from the use of tobacco.

Bartlett, Rush, Winfield, owns a dairy farm of 400 acres, and ships milk from the farm to New York. He and his brother have a stock farm twenty five miles west of Topeka, Kan., where they raise horses and ship them here for sale. Mr. Bartlett was born in Winfield June 27, 1849, where he has since resided, with the exception of thirteen years spent in Kansas. He is a son of Emery Bartlett, who was born here June 24, 1818. His father, Jonathan, was one of the first settlers of the town, and the first on the farm now occupied by Charles Burgess on the town line. He came here from Massachusetts when the town was a wilderness. Rush Bartlett married Cora, daughter of Dwight Burgess, March 23, 1881. They have three children, Dwight, Estelle and Carrie. His farm came to him through his father, Emery Bartlett, who purchased it of Dean Burgess.

Button, Gould, Winfield, was born in Brookfield, Madison county, November 12, 1809, a son of John H. and Esther (Bentley) Button. He is a member of the Methodist church, in which he has been trustee. He married Thurza, daughter of Thomas and Lucina (Fisk) Adams, and they have one son, Henry W. They lost one, Sergeant Samuel Guile, who died on the battle field May 10, 1864. He was a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, Sixth Corps, and died at the battle of Spotsylvania Court House, in Virginia. Alonzo Young, born in the town of Winfield March 15, 1835, a son of Hiram W. and Polly (Hay) Young. He was educated in the common schools. He left Winfield in 1847 and settled in Clyde, Wayne county, which has been his residence ever since. He went to California in 1858, and enlisted June 1, 1862, in the Third California Regiment of Infantry, Company I, and served, three years. He enlisted at Jackson, Amadore county, Cal. The regiment was ordered to Salt Lake City, and the whole time was served in Utah. He took part in the battle of Big Bend of the Bear River, where four companies killed over 300 Indians. There were thirty-six killed in the battle and 140 wounded. He returned from California in 1865.

Brown, Charles H., Winfield, was born in Columbia, Herkimer county, December 21, 1831, and is a son of James Brown, who came to this county when a child, about 1810, with his father, Philip Brown, of Half Moon, N. Y., who was one of the first settlers of Columbia. James Brown had five children, Charles H., Milo H., Eusebia, Euphemia L. and Philip H. Their farm is in the northeast corner of Winfield, a part of the farm being in Columbia, also a part in Richfield. Charles H. Brown married November 11, 1857, Barbara A., daughter of Marks Folts, of Herkimer, who was a son of Peter Folts and Barbara Rasbach. She was a daughter of Marks Rasbach. They were some of the first settlers of the town of Herkimer. Charles H. and Barbara A. Brown have had eleven children, three of whom are deceased: James H., Charles J. and Leon L. There are eight living, Carrie E., Laura E., Flora E., Mary E., Fanny E., Nettie L., Philip H., and Benjamin G. Marks, and Elizabeth Folts, have had ten children, of whom three have died, Mary A., Isaac and Saloma A. Seven are

living, Catharine, Harry, Mary, Joseph, M., Barbara A., Elizabeth and Andrew. Mr. Brown is one of the assessors of the town of Winfield, which position he has held most of the time for about twenty years. He is a member of the Pomona Grange of Herkimer county.

Brace, Henry L., Winfield, was born in Winfield January 4, 1827, a son of Asabel Brace, who was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1779. He came with his father, Deacon Abel Brace, to what is now Winfield in 1793. The latter married in 1799 Katy Curtis, by whom he had thirteen children. Asabel was made captain of militia, and in the War of 1812 he went with his company to Sackett's Harbor. Abel, grandfather of H. L. Brace, died in 1831 at the age of ninety-two. H. L. Brace succeeded his father as proprietor of the homestead farm in 1847. In 1848 he married Pamela Holmes, and they have a son and daughter, Ellen H., who married Adelbert Leach, and has a son and daughter; Seward A. and Lena A. Leach, and Seward H., who married Mary A. Vincent. They have one son, Howard M. Abel Brace was deacon of the First Congregational church, and his son Charles was a deacon of the same church, as is also Henry L., who was appointed deacon June 16, 1858, of the church at East Winfield, and retained that office after the removal of the church to West Winfield. The church was raised in West Winfield June 2 and 3, 1876. Henry L. Brace sang in the choir over fifty years, and has been a member of this church forty-four years. Pamela A. Brace has sung in the choir of this church since 1848.

Carran, Thomas G., Litchfield, was born in this town and owns a dairy farm of 160 acres. He was collector of the town in 1874. He is a son of Henry and Philenda Carran, who had four children, of whom two are living: Thomas G. and Mary E. Two died: Francis M., who enlisted in Company B., 121st New York Volunteers. He was first corporal of his company, he was wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville May 3, 1863, and died in the Hospital June 5, 1863. The other son was William H., who died September 16, 1874, in his twenty-eighth year. He was educated at the Winfield Academy, read law with R. O. Jones, of Utica, and was admitted to the bar. After that he taught the Boonville Union school nearly three years, and then went to New York city, in practice first with the Gazzan Collection Company, after which he formed a co-partnership with Mallory & Ritter, which firm existed until his death. The father, Henry Carran, was a native of the Isle of Man, and came to this town and settled near Cedar Lake, about 1830. He died December 1, 1852, in California, aged about thirty four years, after being there only ten days. The mother, Philender Carran, was a native of this town, having been born on the same farm where the son and daughter now live. She was a daughter of Thomas Goodier, a son of Rev. Aaron Goodier.

Crandall, Otis N., Winfield, was born in Independence, Allegany county, October 27, 1825, and came to this town with his father, Almond Crandall, who was born July 11, 1801, a son of Col. Nathaniel Crandall, who was born August 9, 1771, in Massachusetts, and settled in Winfield before 1800. He died October 31, 1838. His wife, Olive Grey, was born July 1, 1776, and died November 3, 1838. Their son Almond died December 17, 1876. His wife was Lurinda Cook, born September 6, 1803, and

died August 9, 1871. Her father, Otis Cook, was born October 26, 1769, and died June 2, 1856, aged eighty-six years. Otis Crandall married Flora F. McKee October 7, 1858. She is a daughter of Samuel McKee, of Winfield, and they have three children: May C., Almond and Myron M.

Croak, John B., Winfield, was born in Carlow county, Ireland, August 13, 1838. He came to Frankfort in 1848 and to Winfield in 1852, where he worked at farming until 1856, and since that at mason work until December, 1863, when he went to Washington in the quartermaster's department, remaining there until the spring of 1864. He was drafted in the fall of 1863 and paid \$300 commutation. In the spring of 1864 he returned to Winfield and worked at his trade in that town, and Rome, Utica and other places as a contractor and builder, and did quite an extensive business. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster of West Winfield, which he held until June, 1889, when he returned to his trade. He married Nancy Rice in 1869, and they have four children: William T., George H., Maggie and Julia. John B. Croak is a son of Martin and Margaret (Maher) Croak (both deceased). The former died in Dakota, and the latter died on the ocean of cholera, June 23, 1848.

Caruthers, Henry, Russia, was born in Russia, N. Y., November 12, 1824, a son of William, a son of Henry, a native of Scotland, who married Jane Davidson and had one son, William. In 1818 Mr. Caruthers and family came to America and settled in Russia, where he erected a log house and there resided until his death in 1852. His wife died in 1838. William Caruthers married Margaret Smith, a native of Scotland, by whom he had six sons and three daughters. He was assessor and commissioner of highways. He died in 1875, aged seventy-two, and his wife in 1869, aged sixty-seven. Henry Caruthers married Cynthia H. Woodin, by whom he had four children: Elma S., deceased; Frank W.; Retta M., deceased; Libbie J. Frank is with his parents and Libbie is Mrs. Heidel and resides in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Caruthers owns a farm of 250 acres and keeps a large dairy. He is a Republican. He and family are Free Will Baptists. The father of Mrs. Caruthers was Isaac J., a son of Isaac Wooden, a native of New Haven, Conn., who came to Russia about 1813, where he died April 13, 1841. His wife was Rebecca Micks, by whom he had three sons and three daughters. She died July 23, 1852. Isaac Wooden, jr., was born in Connecticut in 1795. When eighteen years of age he came with his parents to Russia. His wife was Sylvia Cory, a native of Russia, by whom he had five children. He was captain of militia, and died September 24, 1881, at the age of eighty-five.

Chapman, Byron E., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls August 21, 1854. He received his education in the academy of this village, after which he was for eight years an assistant in the Little Falls post-office. Immediately after severing his connection with this department, he established in August, 1872, his present lucrative news and stationery business. Mr. Chapman married Hattie A. De Witt, of Chittenango, and they have two children. Mr. Chapman's ancestry is New England, the record of the family dating beyond Revolutionary times.

Cronkhite, Jonas, Danube, was born November 12, 1836. He succeeded to the old homestead upon which his grandfather Cornelius settled in 1786. This was originally

part of the Lansing patent. Cornelius, upon his death, left the land to his son, John C. Cronkhite, father of Jonas, to whom it descended. The farm contains 118 acres of fine dairy land, upon which Mr. Cronkhite has erected a magnificent residence. He married Ann McKenzie, and they have one son, Grant J., who married Kitty Seeber, and they have one son, Ralph. Jonas Cronkhite has served as inspector of elections, commissioner of highways, etc.

Cooper, Henry C., Norway, was born in Cold Brook, Herkimer county, February 6, 1828. His father, Charles Cooper, emigrated from Tolland county, Conn., with his father, Sylvanus Cooper, and mother, Mary Meacham Cooper, two brothers, Wm. G. and Anson, and two sisters, Rosannah and Roxana, and settled in the town of Russia about 1816. Rosannah and Roxana both died of consumption in Cold Brook in early womanhood. William G. married Eunice Congdon, emigrated to Port Leyden, Lewis county, raised a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, where he died aged eighty-two. Anson married Esther Hall, moved to North Bay, Oneida county. His children, one son and four daughters, still reside there. He died in North Bay aged seventy-seven. Sylvanus Cooper died in Cold Brook in 1861, at the age of eighty-four. His wife, Mary, also died there, aged seventy-six. Charles Cooper married Margaret Thompson, the daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth Thompson. Charles Cooper was a mason and farmer by occupation. He died in Cold Brook, July 6, 1889. His wife survives, aged eighty-nine. Hugh Thompson was a native of Ireland and emigrated to this country before the adoption of the constitution, was married at Schenectady, resided for a few years at Johnstown, moved from there to Russia in 1806, where he died in 1848, aged eighty-three. His wife, Elizabeth, survived him several years, dying at the age of eighty-six. His family consisted of eight children: five sons, William, John, Jessie, Henry and Archibald; three daughters, Jennett, Jemima and Margaret, all of whom are dead except the latter. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and educated in the common and select schools of his native town and Fairfield Academy. At the age of seventeen he commenced teaching school and followed that three years. May 4, 1854 he married Jane M. Richards, who bore him five children: Wendell P.; Adelbert R., who died at the age of fourteen; Lillie, who died in infancy; Etta M., and Charles W. Mr. Cooper is a farmer by occupation. Early in life he was a Garrisonian Abolitionist and when the Republican party was organized united with that party and remained with them until 1868. In 1872 he voted for Horace Greeley, in 1876 for Peter Cooper, in 1880 he was presidential elector for Weaver, in 1884 and 1888 and 1892 he voted the Democratic tickets. He has held numerous town offices. He resided in Russia until 1859 when he went to Norway where he has since resided.

Geo. H. Casler, Warren, was born June 5, 1835, in the town of Warren, and is a son of Adam Casler, whose father was also Adam, a pioneer of Minden, Montgomery county. Adam, jr., was born October 30, 1802, and after his marriage came to Warren, where he lived until a few years before his death. Then he went to Columbia, where he died October 24, 1863. His wife was Barbara Snyder, who was born October 20, 1807, and died April 22, 1871, at the residence of her son, George H. Casler.

him ten children: Lucinda, born August 26, 1824; Catherine, born June 12, 1826; Almira, born June 30, 1828; Charity, born August 9, 1830; Betsey M., born June 21, 1833 (died at the age of two years); George H., born June 5, 1835; Diana, born March 25, 1836; James M., born March 26, 1838; Julia, born February 16, 1840 (died in childhood); Mary J., born December 4, 1842 (died at the age of eight years). Geo. H. Casler at the age of nine, was bound out to Geo. M. Cleeland, until twenty-one, for \$150 and schooling. He worked out by the month until married and then rented farms on shares until 1867, when he bought one hundred acres where he now lives. He now owns three hundred acres. He is a Republican and has held the office of collector for one year and poormaster for thirteen years, of which he is now serving. He married, November 2, 1856, Betsey, daughter of Isaac and Leah (Bronner) Maxfield, and has had three children: Myron J., born November 8, 1858, and married, first, Libbie Shaver, who bore him two children, Willie and Georgie, and second, married Alice Guyer, who bore him one child, Edna Blanche. Charles E. was born December 31, 1860. He married Estella Ecker, who bore him two children, Ray and Lee, and Libbie Leah, born May 15, 1869.

Christman, W., Herkimer, is a native of this country and was engaged in farming for many years. Then he followed the trade of carpenter and mason for some time, and then took up shoemaking which he still follows. In 1858 he married Miss Helen E. Petrie, and they have seven children living, three sons and four daughters. Two of the daughters are married, one being the wife of Victor Barnes, and the other H. L. McKeever. There have now been six generations of this family in this county and the name is a well-known one in this part of the State.

Churchill, Henry, Herkimer, is a native of New York, and took a university course at Yale College, graduating with honors. In 1866 he came to Herkimer from Gloversville and entered into the manufacture of paper with his brother-in-law, the Hon. Warner Miller. He has since that date given the greater part of his time to the prosecution of his manufacturing enterprise, but is also president of the First National Bank of Herkimer, in which he takes a great interest and just pride.

Cole, Truman, Fairfield, one of the enterprising young men of Herkimer county, is a native of Fairfield, and a son of Justice A. Cole. He manages 213 acres of dairy farm, and a herd of forty-five cows. He was educated at Fairfield and Fort Plain, and then spent two years in the study of law in the office of Mills & Palmer, Little Falls. He then took up farming, which he has successfully followed. Mr. Cole is a broad-minded man, and is held in much esteem. He is at present one of the assessors of Fairfield, and is a member of the Grange and of the Grange Mercantile Association of Little Falls.

Clive, Henry, German Flats, is a native of England, and traces his ancestry to the celebrated Lord Clive. He was born February 11, 1844, and came to America in 1864. He has been in the Armory for many years and is a Mason, and a member of the United Friends. In 1861 Mr. Clive married Emma Wall and they have ten children. The Clives were among the first gunmakers of England.



Crumby, George Fenner, Newport, was born in Newport, September 14, 18—, a son of David and Julia E. Fenner. David D. was born at Troy, N. Y., March 13, 1816, and settled in the town of Norway when two years of age, with his parents. Here he lived until the age of thirty. He was a merchant at Norway and Newport until 1859, when he moved to St. Paul, Minn., and was engaged in the livery business for eight years. He then returned to Newport and followed farming and milling until his death, March 31, 1889. His marriage occurred May 17, 1852. His two sons were George F., born September 14, 1855, and Charles B., who was born September 17, 1866, a graduate of the Eastman Business College, and one of the promising young men of the day. George F. attended the public schools at Newport until sixteen years of age, when he entered Fairfield Seminary, from which he graduated in 1874. He was valedictorian of his class. He then taught school at Dansville, N. Y., for one year, when he entered Hamilton College and graduated in 1879 as valedictorian of his class. He was admitted to the bar and commenced practicing in New York city. After several months he returned to Little Falls and formed a co-partnership with R. H. Smith. In 1882 he entered into partnership with Hadley W. Jones, which lasted until his death, July 27, 1887, aged thirty-one years. He was school commissioner in 1881, and that same year received the nomination for assembly on the Democratic ticket. He was president of the village of Little Falls at his death. October 4, 1882, he married Lillian Gardner, and they had two children, Bessie and Mabel.

Coe, Henry R., Middleville, came from Connecticut with his wife, Lydia, a daughter of Thomas J. Sturgis, about the year 1837. Their children were as follows: Helen Alexander, wife of Herman Alexander; Louise, wife of James Morris; and Albert S., all residents of Middleville. He worked for Smith & Stow as foreman in their chair factory for a number of years, when he purchased an interest in same, which he continued until his death, May 2, 1875. He was an active Democrat, and held the office of justice of the peace. His wife is still living at the age of seventy-five years. His son, Albert S., was educated in the school at Middleville, and at the age of fifteen entered the employ of V. S. Kenyon as clerk, continuing for two years. He then bought a half interest in the chair manufactory of his father, which he continued until the latter's death. In 1887 he commenced the retail furniture business, also undertaking, which he has since followed. He married, February 25, 1875, Ida L., daughter of Anson and Laura Morey. She died in May, 1882, and he married second, Hattie Crossett, by whom he had five children: Lena L., May E., Bessie, Charlie, who died December 19, 1891, aged two years and four months; and Hazel. Mr. Coe is a Democrat, having been justice of the peace and justice of sessions, which latter position he now holds. He was charter member of the Royal Arcanum Council 1335, of which he has been treasurer since its organization.

Collins, Dennis, grocer, of Little Falls, is a native of Ireland, but came to America in 1848 when quite young, and his life affords a fine example of the success that inevitably results from the union of ability and honorable methods. He began life as a clerk, and now owns the fine Collins block opposite the Metropolitan Hotel, and



the block in which Pepper's and W. Collins stored the stock in the Superior Flouring Company. He has his present business in 1917. In 1865 he was town collector. In 1868 he married Margaret Hearn, and they have six children. Mr. Collins is treasurer of the Little Falls branch of the Irish National League and is a Republican in politics.

Cloyes, Anson G., Frankfort, was born in Frankfort August 3, 1844, he being one of eight children of Silas and Abigail W. (Brown) Cloyes. His grandfather was Luther Cloyes, who was born in Framingham, Mass., and settled here in early life. Anson G., the youngest son, married in 1869, Adelia N. Harvey, by whom he had five children: Jessie E. (deceased), Gilbert S., Ada L., Homer E. and Bessie M. (deceased); the mother died when they were young. He later married Mary E. Fish of Utica, by whom he has one son. Mr. Cloyes is an enterprising farmer, his farm buildings being notable for their size, number and convenience, one barn being 119 x 45 feet. He has recently built a horse barn 60 x 40 feet with all the modern conveniences, an ice house with a capacity of 200 tons, a tool house 36 x 22 feet, a piggery 25 x 20 feet, a poultry house, etc. He has a dairy of fifty cows, producing on the average 300 lbs. of butter per week. A fine creamery is soon to be built. His farm consists of 275 acres, which is beautifully situated, overlooking the city of Utica and commanding an extended view of the Mohawk and Sauquoit valleys.

Cunningham, Daniel F., Little Falls, one of the youngest but most enterprising business men of Little Falls, is a native of Ireland, but has been in America since 1881, and during these eleven years he has been wonderfully prosperous, the result of enterprise, industry and superior abilities. His business in groceries, shoes and meats occupies three stores on Ann street, and is fully stocked. Mr. Cunningham is a member of the Hibernian Society, and is a prominent Democrat, having been secretary of the local organization here. In October, 1887, he married Jennie McGurt, of Little Falls. He is highly regarded in the social and commercial circles of Little Falls.

Chester, John, Little Falls, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland. Early in life he was a flour miller, serving as foreman in the Buxburn Flouring Mills of Aberdeen. He came to this country when twenty-three years of age and engaged in paper-making in Little Falls. After seven years he left this business to engage with the Saxony Knitting Company, with whom he remained twenty-one years, holding the position of overseer of spinning. On June 23, 1892, he left the mill and bought his present meat and provision business. Mr. Chester is a Mason, Knight of Honor, etc. He is now member of the board of education for some time, and has served the village as trustee. He is also a stockholder and member of the Little Falls Co-operative Association. His wife was Margaret Byron of Little Falls, by whom he has had twelve children, eight of whom are living.

Casler, B. P., Little Falls, although a young man, is one of the leading merchants of Little Falls. He is a native of this town, and ever since the age of thirteen has been connected with the dry goods business. He was with Burch & Co. for eight years, and then formed a partnership with J. H. Casler six years ago. Their business is one

of the largest and best in the place. Mr. Casler is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Red Men and Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Presbyterian church. In politics he is a Democrat. The Casler family is one of the oldest and best known in Herkimer county, several of the Caslers of a century ago having taken a prominent part in the Revolution. Mr. Casler married Anna L. Chester of this town.

Casler, Philo W., Little Falls, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. He received his education in the Polytechnic Institution there, and in 1873 started a produce business in New York city. After five years successful operations in this line he came to Little Falls and inaugurated his extensive brickyards and lumber business, in which he furnished constant employment to about twenty-five hands and five teams. Mr. Casler was elected master of the County Grange in January of this present year. He lives on a valuable farm one and a half miles south of the village. Mr. Casler's wife was Miss Martha Hopson, of Salisbury Center, by whom he has had two children.

Clive, Stephen, German Flats, was born in Birmingham, Eng., June 20, 1840. He came to America in 1863. In 1852 he began to learn barrel making and was a master mechanic in this line when he came to this country. He started to work in this country in Trenton, but went to Yonkers in 1864 to make carbines for the government. He next went to work in New York in sporting goods; then to the Winchester Arms Company, and finally came to the Remington Armory in June, 1867. He contracts for boring and straightening the gun barrels. Mr. Clive is a prominent Mason. In 1858 he married Catharine Jones and they have three children. Mrs. C. A. Hollenbeck, Albert A. and Alice M. Clive, having lost two grown up sons, Gilbert E. in 1890 and Stephen A. in 1891. Mr. Clive's father was Stephen Clive and his grandfather was Benjamin Clive, one of four brothers, leading gun makers of Birmingham, Eng. Mr. Clive was the first person of his name to settle in America.

Cunningham, Thomas, Mohawk, was born in New York city June 7, 1829, and has been a resident of Mohawk since 1834, then called Bennett's Corners. He has been engaged in the mercantile business all his life up to 1889, when he was appointed postmaster of Mohawk by President Harrison. He is a Mason, a member of Utica Commandery, and an elder in the Reformed church. He is also a member of the Oneida Historical Society and the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York. He was married in 1856 to Miss Celestia E. Chase, of Mohawk. They have had five children; four are living, three daughters and one son: Mrs. M. J. Wightman, Margaret A., Katharine C., and Andrew D., the latter of whom is a civil engineer. He is a graduate from the United States Naval School at Annapolis, Md., and the Troy Polytechnic. Mr. Cunningham is quite an antiquarian and has a valuable collection.

Coffin, E. J., Little Falls, attorney at law, was born in Herkimer, of English and Irish parentage, in 1847. He received his education at Whitestown Academy. After graduation he took a short course in engineering, and in this capacity assisted in the Morristown extension of the Utica and Black River Railroad. After the completion of this road he entered the law office of Hon. A. M. Mills, of Herkimer. He was ad-

mitted to the bar June 13, 1879. He then entered the office of Judge Hardin, justice of the Supreme Court, with whom he remained three years, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He has served one term as corporation attorney of the village of Little Falls.

Cary, John L., German Flats was born in 1830 and has lived in Mohawk forty years. He was for many years a heavy shipper of grain from Buffalo to New York. When thirty-eight years of age he married Miss Mary Kirkland, and they have three sons, Samuel, assistant superintendent of the Erie canal for Herkimer county; Charles Floyd, mail clerk on the New York Central; and George B., who lives in Chicago. Mr. Cary's father, Samuel, was a native of Oneida county and his grandfather also Samuel, came from New Hampshire.

Cronkhite, Cornelius, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from Dutchess county, N. Y., in 1786, and purchased for one hundred pounds a tract of land from the Abraham Lansing patent. He lived here improving his land and following agricultural pursuits until his death. He was the father of six children, three sons and three daughters. He was succeeded by his two sons, Henry C. Cronkhite and John C. Cronkhite, Henry C. Cronkhite, the father of James H. Cronkhite, receiving for his share 109 acres, to which he added 18 acres. Henry C. was drafted in the war of 1812 and served by sending a substitute in Sackett's Harkor. James H. Cronkhite was born February 11, 1823, and succeeded to 127 acres of land, to which he has added 75 acres of beautiful dairy land adjacent to the village of Minden. He married Miss Margaret Moyer of this town and they have had three children, two of whom survive, one son and one daughter. Mr. Cronkhite has served twenty-one years successively as justice of the peace. At the present writing he has retired from active agricultural pursuits.

Carden, Frank E., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, December 5, 1866. He received a good education, after which he clerked for several years and railroaded. On March 15, 1889, he and his brother, Harry Carden, bought out the bottling establishment of Smith & Collins, since which time they have most successfully conducted the business under the firm name of Carden Brothers. They are equal owners in the establishment, and are both energetic and enterprising young business men. They employ men and run teams and deliver the bottled goods all over Herkimer county.

Cole, Gilbert, farmer of Fairfield, is a native of this town and has lived here all his life. He owns a farm of eighty-eight acres. He married Miss Mary E. Huyck of Fairfield, at the age of nineteen, and has one son, Mr. Duane Cole, who is also married and has one child. His wife was Miss Mary Irving, of Toronto, Ont. Mr. Cole is sixty-seven years of age, but is still an active man, both mentally and physically. He has been postmaster for many years and is a prominent Democrat.

Comstock, F. F., M. D., German Flats, is a native of Oneida county and was born May, 14, 1849. He studied medicine in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York city, and graduated in 1873. In 1876 he opened his office in Ilion. He is a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society and a Mason. He has been health

Year of 1830 and is a strong Democrat. In 1874 Doctor Comstock married Miss Alice J. Brand and they have a family of three sons.

Schall, Daniel, Starkville, was born in Danube, April 16, 1814, a son of Wilhelmus and Eve (Kneaskarn) Schall. The grandfather of Daniel came from Germany prior to the Revolution, and settled at what is now Mindonville, Montgomery county. He was killed in the Revolutionary War, and left one son and three daughters. Subject's father was born in Mannheim, June 18, 1769, and died September 29, 1826. He was a farmer and tailor by trade. His first wife was born in Minden, June 18, 1775. Her father was killed in the Revolution. She had fifteen children, thirteen of whom survived: Leah, Nancy, Catharine, John, Peter, William, Jacob, David, Henry, Eve, Daniel, Jonas and Mariah. Daniel had a common school education, and has earned his own living since his father's death. At fifteen he began tailor's trade. In 1834 he, with his brother, established business at Starkville. About 1882 he retired from business. In 1851 was elected to the Legislature as a Free Soil Democrat. He was one of the original Republicans and served as supervisor; also held the office of postmaster from May 5 1862, to July 17, 1877; during the war was one of the active workers in seeing that his town furnished her quota of men for the army. He was twice married first to Cornelia, daughter of William and Polly (Davis) Gibson. His wife died June 11, 1883. His second wife was Cora W., daughter of Richard and Lucinda (Smith) Wilson. They had one child, Dan W., born May 31, 1887, died January 9, 1889. Mr. Schall is a Universalist and his wife a Methodist. She was born at Herkimer.

Miller, Dr. Adam, Jordanville, was born in Columbia, May 21, 1819, a son of William J. and Nancy (Haner) Miller. The grandfather, John A., was a son of Andrew, who came from Germany and settled in Rensselaer county, in colonial days. He was a patriot in the Revolutionary War. He was the first man buried in Columbia church yard. His son, John, was born in Rensselaer county, and was a pioneer of Columbia, where he lived and died in 1842. His wife was Dorothy Carner. Their children were: Andrew John, William J., Christopher, Jacob, Susan, Barringer, Nancy, Chamberlain and Catharine. William J. was born in Columbia in September, 1796, where he resided until his eightieth year. He was captain of militia, and served as supervisor. His wife died in her eighty-eighth year. She was born in Columbia, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kenter) Haner, pioneers of Columbia. Subject was one of ten children: Adam, John, who died aged nineteen; Jacob W., Philip, William, Mary E., Cornelia, Caroline, Catharine and Melinda. Dr. Miller was raised on a farm, received a district and select school education, and at nineteen began the study of medicine with Dr. Charles H. Easton. He graduated from Geneva Medical College in January, 1844, and located in Jordanville, where he has practiced ever since. He also attended a course at the University of the City of New York, 1854-5, and has been the only physician in this town until 1881. He has been a member of the Herkimer Medical Society since 1844, and has served as its secretary, and also as school superintendent of Warren in 1850-52. He is a Democrat and was postmaster from 1853 to 1861, and

acted as medical adviser in prisons. He was assistant surgeon of the State militia in

1843, and in 1844 was appointed surgeon by Governor Bouck, and was appointed acting assistant surgeon in the Government Hospital, near Alexandria, Va., in 1862, which he held until sickness compelled him to return home. In January, 1863, he was appointed assistant surgeon of the One Hundred and Fifty-second New York Volunteers, and nine months later resigned on account of failing health. He is a member of F. and A. M. and has been twice married, first to Mary Ann, daughter of Warren Mack, of Herkimer. His wife died in 1875. She was an active member of the M. E. church. His second wife was Mary A. Vining.

Smith, Alexander, Stark, one of the representative citizens of Stark, was born May 22, 1823, where he now resides, a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Nicholson) Smith. The grandfather, Andrew, was a son of Johanah Smith, who was a native of Germany and came to this country during the French and Indian wars as a soldier. After the war he settled in Albany county prior to the Revolution, and came to this county about 1788, where he built the first farm house in Starkville (where subject now resides). He married Margaret Basinger, by whom he had these children: Elizabeth, Catharine, Dolly, Mariah, Frederick, Susan, Christina, Abram, John and Andrew. Johanah Smith and wife were Lutherans. Andrew Smith, the grandfather, was born July 2, 1762, in Heldeberg, Albany county, and in 1798 bought out the other heirs and held the homestead, where he died in October, 1848. His wife was Magdalena Betsinger. She had a sister who was captured by the Indians in 1781 and carried to Canada, where she married an Indian chief, and afterwards when asked to return home preferred to remain with her adopted people. Andrew and wife had four children: Della, Lana, Margaret and Martin. The latter was born March 8, 1791, where his son now resides, and died here September 28, 1859. His wife was born February 2, 1798, and died August 11, 1864, and they had eight children: Lucinda, Julia A., Alexander, Almada, Adaline, Almira, Martha and Rozeltha. Alexander received a district school education and owns the old homestead, where he has always resided. He served as supervisor three terms, besides other town offices. In 1870 he was elected sheriff on the Republican ticket. In 1844 he voted for Polk; in 1848 he became a Free Soiler, and in 1856 was a Republican. July 9, 1877, he was appointed postmaster at Starkville, where he remained in the same position many years. He is a leader in town affairs. January 1, 1850, he married Martha, daughter of Alexander and Jane (Mount) Hall. He has been a leading Mason since 1857 and belongs to Utica Commandery No. 3. He was one of the organizers of Starkville cheese factory.

Burpee, Nathaniel, Litchfield, one of the early settlers of Frankfort Hill, was one of the sons of Moses Burpee, sr., of Jaffrey, New Hampshire. He was born January 1, 1766. He emigrated to this region about 1790, and worked for some years for those that wanted help in clearing their land, as it was nearly all a wilderness at that time. In 1795 he married Merab Smith, who was born in Cheshire, Conn., May 2, 1770. In January, 1797, he bought of Oliver Prescott (grandfather of the late Judge A. H. Prescott, of Herkimer,) 102 acres of land in Whitestown, Herkimer county, (now Frankfort) for 61 pounds and 4 shillings. Here they spent the remainder of their lives. He died August 13, 1819, aged fifty-three. She died March 22, 1844, aged seventy-three.

They had five children, four sons and one daughter. Three of them died on the home place. Ephraim, the oldest, died December 11, 1831, aged thirty-five. Susan, the daughter, died August, 1873, aged sixty-eight. Ephraim and Susan were not married. Anson S., the youngest son, married Hannah T. Cary, of Litchfield, Herkimer county. He died September 6, 1850, aged forty-two. He left no children; they died in their infancy. The homestead was sold in 1874 to D. M. Prescott. Nathaniel, jr., the third son, married Abigail R. Wood, of Litchfield of this county, May 17, 1825. He bought the Calhoun place near the old homestead. He had three children born here, two daughters and one son. The daughters died in their childhood. The son, Newton N., was born November 30, 1828. Nathaniel, jr., died July 7, 1835, aged thirty-three. Newton N. married his step sister, Mary Wadsworth, of New Hartford, Oneida county. They lived a few years on the old homestead with their aunt, where they had two children born, a daughter Ella and son Frank. Then they went to DeKalb, Ill., on a farm. Newton enlisted in the army in the late war, served with distinction, was discharged honorably, returned home and died a few years after. Newton's mother married for her second husband John Wadsworth, of Litchfield, this county, and is still living in Chicago, Ill., in her eighty-eighth year. Newton's children are both married, and they and their mother live in Chicago. Titus Burpee, the second son of Nathaniel Burpee, sr., was born in Frankfort, October 10, 1799. He married Olivia Johnson, of Southington, Conn., October 14, 1822. She was born in Southington, July 7, 1801. She was granddaughter of Isaac Ingraham. Titus bought a farm near Frankfort village, where their children were born, Harriet A. and George W. After a few years he sold his farm and bought the Asa Priest farm in Litchfield, Herkimer county, in 1832, which contains about 100 acres, and is a grain, dairy and fruit farm. Here they lived until their deaths, his February 20, 1873, in his seventy-fourth year; hers March 6, 1884, in her eighty-third year. Harriet A., their daughter, was born July 9, 1824. She married Isaac Drought, of Camden, Oneida county, November, 1848. They have five children: Mervin B., M. Olivia, Harriet E., Susan M. and Herbert. They are all living, and all married and have children, except Herbert. George W. (Titus's son) was born May 16, 1827. He married Almira McClure, of Franklinville, Cattaraugus county, February 25, 1852, who left two children, Emma A. and George H. She died February 27, 1862, aged thirty-two. He married for his second wife Harriet Woodbridge, of Trenton, Oneida county, March 18, 1863. She left one son, Edwin T., who died January 8, 1889, in his twenty first year. She died March 27, 1873, in her forty-fifth year. Mr. Burpee married for his third wife S. Elizabeth Savage, of Sauquoit, Oneida county, May 13, 1886 (she is a direct descendant of Miles Standish), has no children. Emma A., Mr. Burpee's daughter, was born October 14, 1854. She married A. C. Paddock, of this town. They have two children, Elsie A., born October 24, 1876; Arthur S., born October 10, 1879. They live on a farm near Sauquoit, Oneida county. George H. was born February 24, 1857. He married Florence Rawlings, of Philadelphia, Pa. They live in Jersey City, N. J. Mr. Burpee and his wife still live on his farm in Litchfield.

Bridenbecker Brothers, Frankfort. Bridenbecker, Judson, one of the four children of Alexander and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Bridenbecker, was born on the family home-

stead (where the brothers now reside) November 7, 1867. Sherwood, the brother, was born December 12, 1869. Alexander Bridenbecker, the father, was also born on the farm, at which place he died January 3, 1885. William Bridenbecker, the grandfather, was born in Fort Herkimer during the Revolutionary War. Elizabeth Sherwood, the mother, was born at Morristown, N. J., she being a daughter of Rev. B. A. Sherwood and Mary. Mrs. Sherwood is now living at Utica, aged ninety, Mr. Sherwood having died January 12, 1893. The great-grandfather was Rev. Abbott Sherwood, of New Jersey. The other members of this family now living are Hattie (Bridenbecker) Reid, wife of James T. Reid, of Toronto, Canada; Willis A. Bridenbecker, of Mascotte, Florida, and Adelma J., second wife of Alexander Bridenbecker, now living at Chicago. The brothers are both married, Judson having married Minnie S., daughter of the late John Bellinger, of Little Falls; and Sherwood, Emma E. Mason, of Hyndsville, Schoharie county. The Bridenbecker Brothers' farm of 175 acres is a fine dairy, stock and fruit farm. They have a dairy of twenty-five cows (of which most are Holstein), own nine horses, notable among which is the young and handsome stallion Mortimer Gold-dust. This horse is by the celebrated trotter "Sprague Golddust" (2:15½) and is the exact image of his sire. They have twelve acres of strawberries producing from 25,000 to 50,000 quarts per annum. They are to be classed among the enterprising young men of the county.

Caswell, George, German Flats, was born at Schuyler Lake, Otsego county, and lived at Cedarville thirty-three years. He was first engaged in the hotel business there. He came to Ilion three years ago and lately opened the Caswell House. Mr. Caswell is a Mason and has been for twenty-seven years. His father was Levi N. Caswell and his grandfather was Levi Caswell, who came to Otsego county from Connecticut. In 1864 Mr. Caswell married Cora A. Williams and they have two children, Grace L. and Lee N.

Curry, Thomas H., Little Falls, senior member of the firm of Curry & Conboy, was born in Oneida County, but his parents moved to Manheim when he was but five months old. After receiving a thorough education he taught school for some time and then entered business. The present partnership was formed September 8, 1888, and the business has been large and prosperous, owing to the honorable methods and personal popularity of the partners. Mr. Curry has always taken an active part in politics and has been supervisor of the town of Manheim for four consecutive terms. He was first elected in the spring of 1888. His ancestors on his mother's side were among the original Mohawk Dutch, and his father's parents came from Ireland in 1836. Mr. Curry is a Republican in politics; a member of Engine Company Number five; of the Elks, the Iron Hall, etc.

Conkling, James, German Flats, born in Troy, New York, May 22, 1854. When three years of age his parents moved to Litchfield, Herkimer county, graduated from Whitestown Seminary in 1875, studied law with Francis Kernan from 1877 to 1880, when he was admitted to the bar. After his admission he removed to Ilion. He has taken an active part in the affairs of his town and village for some years and is one of the leading Democrats of the county. February 11, 1885 he married Miss Eva J.



Beckwith, daughter of Hon. E. D. Beckwith, now of Little Falls. President of the village of Ilion in 1889, also elected supervisor in 1890, 1891, and re-elected in 1892 by the largest majority ever given to a supervisor in the town of German Flats. He was the candidate of his party for member of Assembly in 1891, but was defeated. Has a lucrative law practice and is the attorney for the Ilion Building and Loan Association.

Clayton, Samuel, Frankfort, was born in Lancashire, England, June 22, 1848. He was one of eight children of John A. and Betty (Gee) Clayton. The family first located in Ilion, and Mr. Clayton lived in Herkimer county about twenty-seven years. He came to Frankfort in 1884 and built the large and commodious building which he uses as a hardware and agricultural implement store, dealing also in stoves, etc. He was first married to Saxe M. Stull, who died in 1877, and was succeeded by Sarah Clayton. October 5, 1881, he married Georgiene M. Warner, a daughter of Captain F. C. and Hannah H. (Bruce) Warner, of Baltimore, Md. They have one son, Franklin Robert Clayton. Captain F. C. Warner was an officer in the navy and captain of the ship Osceola.

Cook, M. B., Little Falls, dealer in agricultural implements, etc., Mary street, Little Falls, is a native of Manheim. His father is a farmer, and he spent his early years on the farm, just outside the corporation limits of Little Falls, having been all his life interested in farming. He first branched out into the mercantile field as a dealer in hay carrier business. From this he developed into a full agricultural implement business in 1881. He began in a moderate way, and has met with great success, and does a large trade. He carries a very full and complete line of all kinds of farm implements. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Home Circle. Mr. Cook's great-grandfather came from Wallingford, Conn., about 1800, and the family have resided in this county ever since. M. B. Cook also owns a creamery and farm in Madison County, and operates one farm in the town of Manheim. His wife was Kate Waters, daughter of S. J. Waters, and they have one daughter three years of age.

Cristman, James A., Ohio, was born in the town of Ohio, November 8, 1863. He is a farmer and carpenter and builder, and received his education in the district schools. January 1, 1891, he married Annie Bickford, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Bickford, of Russia. Mr. Cristman is a Democrat, and has been highway commissioner. He is a member of the North Star Grange Number 686, of Ohio. James A. is a son of Augustus Cristman, a son of John Cristman. The latter was a native of Paine's Hollow, born in 1800 and died in 1868. His wife was Catharine Crouse of Paine's Hollow, by whom he has thirteen children, two of whom died in youth. His wife died in 1848, and he married Lavina (Lampher) Bennett. Augustus Cristman was a farmer and carpenter. In 1854 he married Marys Henry, daughter of Thomas Henry. They had four children: Sarah L., Alexander, James A., and Marshall H. His wife died March 22, 1890.

Coleman, F. W., German Flats, was born in London, March 7, 1850, and came to America in 1869. He has always been in the carriage trade in this country. The firm of George & Coleman was formed in 1873, and in 1877 was succeeded by F. Coleman.



& Company. In 1889 the Coleman Carriage Company was formed with Mr. Coleman as manager. He is an active business man and a member of the Masonic order and the A. O. U. W. In 1881 he married Miss Susan Oram and they have a family of eight children.

Clapsaddle, Frank, German Flats, was born in Columbia January 17, 1858, and ran a carriage business for some years. He came to Mohawk in 1885 and purchased the horses for running the various lines of street railways there. In 1886 he married Miss Maude Brown and they have one infant son. His grandfather was one of the early settlers in Columbia.

Davis, Henry H., Litchfield, is the proprietor of the North Litchfield cheese factory, and uses the milk from about 400 cows. He started making cheese March 28, 1892, and will close January 1. The estimate of cheese for 1892 will be about 140,000 pounds, which has sold for from 8½ cents to 10½ cents. He is also a farmer, and was born in Edmeston, Otsego county November 5, 1834. He bought this factory and farm in 1890, it having been built by Joseph Kast, about 1885. Mr. Runyan purchased the land and built the first factory here about 1862. Mr. Davis made cheese in Kentucky in 1870 and in 1871 made cheese for S. P. Goodier, then the owner of this property. He married Eliza G. Lindsay, and they have one son, George H., who is now making cheese at Warwick, Orange county. He married Lisetta Otterbin, and they have one son, Harry.

Downing, Zeno I., D.D.S., Winfield, was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, October 14, 1837, educated in the common schools and Rome Academy; commenced the study of dental surgery with Dr. David W. Perkins, of Rome, and S. F. Tremain. He commenced the practice of dentistry in Rome in 1860 and in West Winfield in 1865, where he has remained since. Has been town clerk for the last twelve years. He has been secretary of Winfield Lodge, F. & A. M., about fifteen years. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W., No. 99, of which he has been recorder for about five years. He is past master workman of that lodge, past master of F. & A. M., No. 581, and is a member of Winfield Council No. 1,033, R. A., of which he was secretary for three years. He married Sarah E., daughter of Dr. E. F. Beals, June 29, 1868, and they have one daughter, Carrie L. G., and have lost one son, Warren Zeno, who died June 9, 1882, aged nineteen years.

Dutton, Ward, Winfield, was born on the farm where he now lives October 14, 1859, a son of Puffer Dutton, a native of this State, who settled on this farm about 1830. He married Susan, daughter of Nathan Layton, of Richfield, and they have five children, Ward, Charles, Flora E., Sarah and Helen Dutton, Ward and Sarah being the only survivors. Ward Dutton married in 1883 Eugenia Vrooman of Richfield Springs. She was a daughter of Nicholas S. Vrooman, and they have had four children, Bessie, who died August 24, 1886; Ethel, died January 29, 1887; Christabell and Henry Ward.

Dewey, Dennis A., Winfield, a son of Alexander and Lucretia Dewey, was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, N. Y., June 7, 1841, and came to this town in 1877. He

married Mary A., daughter of James and Mary Arbeg, February 24, 1870. She died April 12, 1888, and he married second Alice Gorton, of this town, December 17, 1890, and they have one son, Alexander. Mr. Dewey is one of the representative farmers of Winfield. He enlisted August 22, 1862, in Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-first New York Volunteers, and served about three years. He was in all the engagements of his regiment up to May 6, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness, when he was wounded and taken prisoner. His limb was amputated by the Confederates, and he was imprisoned most of the time at Lynchburg, Va., and Libby Prison at Richmond for about five months. His father was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, and settled in this town in 1865. He held the office of assessor of this town, and was supervisor for three years in succession in 1888, '89 and '90. He is a member of S. G. Button Post, No. 364, G. A. R.

Dempsey, James, Frankfort, was born in the town of Salisbury, Herkimer county, October 1, 1857. He was one of nine children of Richard and Mary Dempsey. When nine years of age he went to live in the town of Schuyler, engaging in the business of buying and selling cattle and hay. He owns a farm of 125 acres in the town of Newport and one of 100 acres in Frankfort. He was married February 24, 1892, to Mary Davin, daughter of Andrew and Ella Davin, of Little Falls. They reside in Frankfort village, where he owns fine property. He has a dairy of forty cows and is one of the enterprising citizens of Frankfort.

Douglas, Dr. E. H., Little Falls, was born in Saxonville, Mass., February 25, 1867. He received his preliminary education in the Little Falls Academy, and was graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1889. He has since practiced medicine in Little Falls. Dr. Douglas is of Scotch extraction. His father, Andrew Douglas originally came from Scotland, and has been for many years identified with the knit goods industries in Little Falls and Ilion. Dr. Douglas is a prominent member of the Royal Arcanum, Elks, Red Men, Odd Fellows, and other leading social organizations. He is at present coroner of Herkimer county.

De Coster, Harry A., Little Falls, is a native of the State of Maine. His family is well and favorably known in the history of that State. Harry A. De Coster received his education at Tufts College, Massachusetts, from which he graduated in 1885. He entered the law office of Judge Sheldon in 1886 and was admitted to the bar in 1888, immediately thereafter commencing the active practice of his profession. In 1892 Mr. De Coster received the appointment of corporation attorney for the village of Little Falls. He married Miss Minnie Shepard of this county.

Devendorf, Irving R., Herkimer, district attorney for Herkimer county, is a native of the town of Danube, Herkimer county, and after a preliminary education he began the study of law in the office of the Hon. George W. Smith, of Herkimer, and was admitted to the bar in October, 1880, and began practice in 1881, forming a partnership with A. J. Smith under the name of Devendorf & Smith. Mr. Devendorf was elected district attorney in 1888, and was re-elected in 1891. He is proving eminently successful in his office, and as an indication of his fitness and ability, it might be men-

tioned that almost every indictment during his term has resulted in a conviction. Mr. Devendorf's ancestors have lived in this part since the early settlement of the State, and his great-grandfathers on both sides took part in the Revolutionary War.

Day, Erasmus W., Schuyler, is one of the notable men of Herkimer county. He was born October 19, 1815, and has been an active man all his life. He has always been a prominent farmer, and has been engaged also in mercantile lines. In public life he has been prominent in Schuyler. From 1840 to 1846 he was deputy sheriff, was supervisor of the town for several years, and was representative to Albany in 1869. In 1838 he married Mary Ann Root, a daughter of Captain Root, who was celebrated in the War of 1812. They have three children, Warren E., Sheldon R. and Mrs. J. D. Leland, of Washington, D. C. The grandfather of Mr. Day was commissary in the Revolutionary War, and his father, Dr. Warren Day, was surgeon in the War of 1812. His son, Dr. Warren E. Day, was a surgeon in the late war, and for several years after the close of the war he continued in the employ of the government.

Dolge, Henry A., Dolgeville, was born in Germany on the 19th day of March, 1845. He was educated in the Gymnasium college there, and in 1865 engaged in the commission business. Shortly afterwards he removed to South America, where he became identified with mercantile transactions, and in 1867 he operated a sugar plantation in the West Indies. The climate not agreeing with his health, he came to New York city about 1870 and engaged for twelve years in the real estate and the insurance brokerage business, which he relinquished to become identified with the extensive manufacturing industry of Alfred Dolge as resident manager at Dolgeville. He is also postmaster at the latter town. He married Miss E. W. Gunther, and they have one daughter living.

Dedicke, Edward, Dolgeville, was born in Hamburg, Germany, February 22, 1854. When seventeen years of age he came to America and secured a position as porter in Alfred Dolge's New York store. Mr. Dolge, recognizing his worth, brought him to Dolgeville when he moved his felt mills to this place. Edward Dedicke rapidly acquired a thorough knowledge of this industry in all its departments, and has occupied the position of foreman in each. About two years ago he was appointed superintendent of the felt mills. Mr. Dedicke married Miss Barbara Stehr, and has three children, two boys, Henry and Carl, and a daughter, Anna. He is Regent of the Royal Arcanum, vice-president of the School Society and of the Building and Loan Association, secretary of the Mutual Aid Association, a member of the I. O. O. F., president of Volunteer Fire Company, etc.

Doty, E. L., German Flats, was born in Onondaga, April 8, 1850, and came to his present farm in 1863. His father was Abner Doty who died in 1890. The family came from Connecticut about the beginning of this century and are descendants of Edward Doty who came to this country in the *Mayflower*. In 1875 Mr. Doty married Grace L. Howard, and they have one son and two daughters. Mr. Doty is a Prohibitionist, and a member of the A. O. U. W. He grows a large quantity of strawberries, averaging over 50,000 quarts annually.

Doolittle, E. H., German Flats, was born in Bradford, N. H., September 11, 1832. He came to Herkimer county in 1864, for twelve years was employed in the Remington Armory. In 1878 he was elected justice of the peace and held the office thirteen years. He has carried on a large business in real estate and insurance for several years. In 1857 he married Miss P. V. V. Groesbeck of Chittenango, N. Y., and they have three sons, W. G., Edward H. and Frank Hooker. Mr. Doolittle is a master Mason and has been justice of the sessions two years.

Dieffenbacher, Jacob, Frankfort, was born in the duchy of Baden, Germany, March 18, 1845, he being one of eleven children of Engelhardt and Catherine Dieffenbacher. His father, ruined by revolution at home, emigrated to this country with his family in 1856, being assisted by William Gates, into whose employ the family entered. During the Rebellion Mr. Dieffenbacher was employed in armories in the manufacture of army pistols and at the close of the war he engaged in the grocery and provision business at canal lock 45 in Frankfort, where he has since remained. He married, December, 1885, Pauline Bauer, a daughter of Frederick and Pauline (Bolza) Bauer, both natives of Saxony, who emigrated and settled in Utica. They have two children, Sarah M. and Theresa E.

Dunckel, Peter J., Dolgeville, was born at Frey's Bush, Montgomery county, May 27, 1828. George Dunckel, his great-grandfather, came from Germany and settled in Montgomery county early in the 17th century. George G. Dunckel, son of George Dunckel, and grandfather of Peter J., was a Revolutionary soldier and was wounded at the battle of Sharron. John Dunckel, jr., son of George G. and father of Peter J., was born and always lived at Frey's Bush, Montgomery county, where he followed the occupation of farming and blacksmithing, and where he died at eighty-five years of age. Peter J. Dunckel has followed grist-milling for a number of years. He owns a farm of 180 acres, besides other valuable property. His wife was Miss Lucy Woolever, a daughter of Nicholas Woolever. They have three children living.

Dudley, William Henry, M. D., Newport, was born at Madison, New Haven county, Conn., January 1, 1855, a son of Lucian W. and Mary E. (Page) Dudley. Lucian W. was a son of David, and he of Roswell, who was a son of David, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. The latter was a son of Deacon David, who was a son of Ebenezer, and he a son of John who came to Guilford, Conn., from England, in 1673, and the same year married Martha French, of Guilford, Conn. The subject was one of two children (the brother being George W.), and settled in Newport in November, 1888. In his youth he attended the common school, and a preparatory select school of the grade of an academy. At eighteen years of age he entered the employ of the father at Norwich, Conn., as drug clerk, remaining five years, when he entered the office of Dr. W. S. C. Perkins of that city to study medicine. In 1879 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of New York, which is now the medical department of Columbia, and remained there one year. Then spent two years at the University of the City of New York, where he graduated March 9, 1882. He then returned to Norwich, Conn., and practiced medicine for three years, when he removed to Butte City, Mont., where he remained two years. At that time he received the appointment of

surgeon to the Elkhorn Mining Company, of Jefferson County, Mont., where he remained two years more. December 25, 1886, he married Lillian T. Fillmore, daughter of Ralph H. and Elizabeth (Fitch) Fillmore. Ralph H. Fillmore being a cousin of ex-President Fillmore. The grandfather of Mrs. Dudley, Comfort D. Fillmore, was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife, Annice, drew a pension until her death, at ninety-one years. Dr. and Mrs. Dudley have had two children: Earl W., who died May 27, 1887, aged four months, and Ray W., born April 14, 1889. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and his wife of the M. E. Church. Dr. Dudley and his father are both Republicans. The doctor is vice-president of the Herkimer County Medical Society; also on the consulting staff of the Faxon Hospital of Utica, N. Y. He is health officer of Newport, and also belongs to the fire company. He is a member of St. James Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 23, of Norwich, Conn.; Iroquois Chapter, R. A. M., of Iliou, No. 236; of Little Falls Commandery, K. T. No. 26, and Ziyara Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also belongs to I. O. R. M., being sachem of the Tribe. Dr. Dudley while in Montana traveled through the National Park as surgeon to the Butte City Liederkrantz Society, and wrote and published a book on its wonders.

Dexter, Henry W., Newport, was born in Fairfield, Herkimer county, July 16, 1823, a son of William B. and Sarah (Jewett) Dexter, who settled in Fairfield about 1819. His mother was a native of Connecticut and his father of Providence. The latter was a volunteer in the war of 1812, and was a Whig and later a Republican. He was very active in politics, and was a member of the Liberal church. He had four daughters and one son: Phoebe A. (deceased), Mary J. (Parkhurst), Henry W., Louisa A. (Deering), Elizabeth A. (Griswold), and Henry W. The latter married January 18, 1844, Mary E. Parkhurst, a native of Fairfield, and a daughter of Lyman and Susan (Enos) Parkhurst. They have two children, Addie S., wife of Capt. Thomas E. Merritt of the One Hundred Fifty-First Regiment Infantry, and at present auditor of the Adirondack & St. Lawrence railroad. He has also a son, Dr. Lyman C. Dexter, a physician and druggist of Newport. He married Gertrude Harris, daughter of Archibald Harris. Henry W. Dexter started in business as a farmer in the town of Newport, 1847, and continued until 1865, then speculated in livestock and produce until 1880. He was on the committee of the right-of-way of the H. N. & P. R. R., and was also a director until 1890. Mr. Dexter is a 32d degree Mason, a member of Newport Lodge No. 455, Iroquois Chapter, and attends the Universalist church. He is also a director in the Newport National Bank.

Davis, R. Irving, Little Falls, is a native of Little Falls and was born on the homestead farm, near this village in 1863. The family is an old and honored one in this State, his ancestors having resided here since the year 1767. His great-grandfathers participated in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Davis entered Hamilton College and took a highly creditable course in that institution to the middle of his sophomore year, when other duties compelled him to forego the completion of his studies. He is a member of the Theta Delta Chi society of that college, also of the Royal Arcanum, the American Legion of Honor, the Red Men and the Grange, and has filled chairs in all of the societies. Mr. Davis is now actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and in the latter line represents companies whose

capital aggregates over \$3,000,000, including both fire, life and accident insurance companies. Mr. Davis is socially popular and stands high in the estimation of the business men and the public generally of the county. He possesses superior business abilities and has had educational advantages far exceeding those of business men generally, and all these combine to guarantee him a bright future, which he will undoubtedly attain.

Douglass, Dr. A. J., German Flats, was born in Lewis county in 1837 and graduated from the Long Island College Hospital in 1872. He has practiced medicine in Ilion since 1875. He has also been prominently connected with the school board, and has invented a blackboard crayon rack that is attracting much attention among educators. In 1892 Dr. Douglas was elected president of the village of Ilion. In 1872 he married Mary D. Chittenden. They have one son, Adelbert C.

Dexter, Lyman C., Newport, was born February 21, 1854. His early education was obtained in the public schools at Newport. At the age of fifteen years he entered Fairfield Seminary. He graduated from Hungerford's Collegiate Institute at Adams, N. Y., in 1872, and was employed in 1874 and 1875 in Utica, N. Y., as financial agent for Alfred Putnam in the dry goods business. He then studied medicine with Dr. A. J. Brown, of Newport. He graduated from the University of Michigan in June, 1879, and then took a post-graduate course in Bellevue Hospital, New York city, from which he graduated in March, 1880, and commenced the practice of his profession in Newport the following summer. He started the first exclusive drug store in Newport, which he now conducts. He is also a stockholder in West Brothers' knitting mill, and is a member of the Improvement, Agricultural and Herkimer County Medical Societies. He is a member of Lodge No. 455, F. & A. M., in which he has been junior and senior wardens; belongs to the I. O. R. M., the Phalatorian Literary Society of Hungerford Institute and of the Nonsaskin Literary Society. He is a Republican, and has been town clerk four consecutive years, health officer two years, and is at present town physician of Newport. He married June 27, 1884, Gertrude B., daughter of Archibald and Annie (Coffin) Harris. They have three children, Henry Merritt, Burr Tiffany and Anna May.

Douglass, Dr. Allison O., Little Falls, was born in Oneida county, N. Y. He received an academic education in Rome and Whitesboro. He graduated from the Long Island Medical College in 1876. He began practice immediately thereafter in Gray, Herkimer county, from which locality he removed to Little Falls in 1888. Dr. Douglass has a brother engaged in the practice of medicine in Ilion, N. Y., and another in Lowville, Lewis county, N. Y. He is of Scotch descent. Dr. Douglass enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice here.

Deimel, Menning A., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer and received his education in the schools of Lansingburg and Albany. After leaving school he entered the office of Deimel & Snell as book-keeper. After six years' service therein he formed a copartnership with Mr. Snell in the Herkimer Manufacturing Company, of which he is the practical manager. This establishment manufactures spring beds, etc., and gives em-

ployment to about forty hands. Mr. M. A. Deimel is a son of H. A. Deimel, senior member of the firm of Deimel & Snell. He is a member of the Fire Department, Elks, Odd Fellows, Red Men, etc., and connected with leading social and political organizations here.

Dale, William H., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls. He received his education in the village schools and engaged with his father in contracting. About fifteen years ago he and his brother, George B. Dale, formed a partnership, which has since existed. During this entire period no account has been kept between the brothers, each having implicit confidence in the other. Mr. W. H. Dale is one of the village trustees, a member of the Methodist church, and identified with social and benevolent circles. This house has contracted for and completed much important work here and in this vicinity, and worthily sustains a very high reputation. The Dale family originally came from County Antrim, Ireland.

Dievendorf, Jacob, German Flats, was born in 1814, and is one of the oldest inhabitants of the county. His life has been spent mostly in farming, and he has been very successful in every way. He is now president of the Mohawk National Bank, and formerly had various large interests that he has now centralized. His father was David Dievendorf and his grandfather Jacob, who came to this part 100 years ago. His nephew, R. M. Dievendorf, is one of the leading merchants of Mohawk.

Ellis, Lorenzo, Russia, was born in Westmoreland, Oneida county, January 6, 1836, a son of Daniel Ellis, born in Slab City, Madison county, in 1802. He married Sallie Coy, a native of Madison county, by whom he had five sons and one daughter, Orrin, Alanson, Orlando, LeRoy, Lorenzo and Louisa. He went to Oneida county and followed farming, and later in life became a boatman on the Erie Canal. He died in Oneida county in 1858 and his wife in 1874. Lorenzo Ellis married November 12, 1858, Jane, daughter of Ozias and Emily (Jenkins) Wilcox, natives of Oneida county. To Mr. Ellis and wife seven children have been born: Frank W., Mary M., Walter and Eugene C., living, and Charles, Lewis and Alice, deceased. Mr. Ellis was a boatman on the Erie Canal from 1847 to 1863. He then went to Newport, where he was engaged in lumbering one year and in the express and stage business eighteen years. In 1887 he went to Poland and engaged in the hotel business. In 1889 he purchased property now known as the Ellis House, of which his son Frank is proprietor. Mr. Ellis also has a good livery. He is a Republican.

Eckler, Hendrick, Warren, with his family came from Holland and settled in Warren about 1765. He had a son Captain Henry, who was born in Holland, who received his father's homestead of 100 acres. He had four sons: Christian, John, Daniel and Henry. John Eckler was born in the homestead and spent his life there. His wife was Sophia Van Horne, who bore him five children: John, Thomas, Henry, Christina, Mary A., the latter the only one living. John Eckler was born on the homestead in September, 1810, and died September 9, 1876. He was twice married, first to Hannah Van Denberg, who bore him three children: Clamda, Orange and Van Denberg (deceased.) His second wife was Hannah, daughter of Cornelius and Eva Cronkhite, who



bore him four children : Foster (deceased), Mariette (deceased), Lester C. and Rose. His second wife died in 1872. Lester C. Ecker was born March 1, 1847, in Springfield, where Hendrick Eckler first settled. He added sixty acres to the original farm and lived there until March 1, 1886, when he bought the hotel in Warren and has since conducted it. He received an academic education, is a Mason and a Republican, and has been postmaster under Harrison. He married, December 14, 1870, Julia, daughter of David and Christina (Harder) Johnson, and they have one child, Ralph J.

Emery, John, Russia, was born in Ohio, November 23, 1824, a son of Rowland Emery, born in Charlestown in 1786. He came to Ohio at an early day, one of the pioneer settlers, where he spent most of his life. His wife was Elizabeth Jones, by whom he had two sons and six daughters. His brother, Matthew, was in the War of 1812. Rowland Emery died in Ohio in 1849, and his wife died in 1842. In 1846 John Emery married Mary A. Curtis, born in Schoharie county February 25, 1828, a daughter of Joseph and Amie Curtis, who about 1838 came from Duanesburg, Schoharie county, and settled in Ohio, where they reared four sons and seven daughters. Mr. Emery at the age of nineteen years was captain in the militia under Governor Bouck. He was highly honored in his native town, being excise commissioner for four years, a member of the auditing board for four years, supervisor 1866-67, justice of the peace from 1866 to 1870, and was one of the members who incorporated the M. E. Church in Ohio. He held all the offices in that church in time, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school for fifteen years. He moved from the town of Ohio to the village of Poland, January 1, 1889, where he now lives. His grandfather, Robert Emery, was born in New York and early in life settled in Montgomery county. He died in Stratford, aged ninety-three.

Earl, Robert, 2d, Herkimer, was born in Herkimer December 22, 1867. He received his education in the Herkimer schools, St. John's Military Academy, Manlius, N. Y., and Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. After the completion of his studies he entered the office of D. H. Burrell & Company Little Falls, N. Y., and later the office of the Saxony Knitting Company of the same place. May 1, 1892, he was elected assistant cashier of the "Old" Herkimer Bank, Herkimer, N. Y., which position he now holds. Mr. Earl is a trustee of the village of Herkimer, and has the distinction of being the youngest member ever elected to that board. He is a Mason and a member of several social organizations. He is a son of the late eminent Samuel Earl and a nephew of Chief Judge Robert Earl of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York.

Ely, Samuel, Warren, was born where he now lives, near the south line of Warren, November 29, 1807, and is a son of Samuel and Fannie (Cooley) Ely. His grandfather was Simeon Ely, of English descent, and born near West Springfield, Mass. In 1805 he settled on the farm where the subject now lives, and died there in 1815, aged eighty-five. The subject's father was born in Massachusetts in 1774, and came with his parents to the present homestead in 1805. He died in 1851 in his seventy-seventh year, and his wife died about 1862 in her ninetieth year. They had five children. Our subject has always lived on the homestead, has never been sued and has never sued,



has not tasted liquor in fifty-three years, and has been a member of the M. E. Church fifty-four years. He married in 1831, Mary A., daughter of George and Betsy (Cooke) Snyder, and they have had seven children: Lorana, wife of James Pollard, dead, left one son; Ann, wife of Ira Duncel; Helen, wife of Rosell Warren; Wesley, Elizabeth, died unmarried; Fannie A., and Darwin, who served three years in the 121st N. Y. Volunteers. Mrs. Ely died in 1880 in her seventy-second year.

Edsall, Dr. Irving S., was born October 15, 1858, a son of William and Jane (Swar-tout) Edsall, residents of Delaware county, N. Y. He attended the Roxbury public school until eighteen years of age, when he entered the Albany Normal School, from which he graduated in 1879. He taught school for a time, then commenced the study of medicine, entering the Albany Medical College in the fall of 1882. He graduated in March, 1885, and settled in Middleville the same year. He is a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society, of which he was vice-president in 1890 and president in 1891. He is also a member of Newport Lodge F. & A. M. No. 455; of Nehasena Tribe I. O. R. M. of Newport, of which he is a charter member; and also, belongs to the Middleville Council Royal Arcanum No. 1335, in which order he served as medical examiner. He is a Republican in politics and was appointed county physician in 1888. He is a member of the Board of Trustees in Middleville and was one of its original trustees when it was incorporated, in 1890. In 1892 he was elected its president. Dr. Edsall is a member of M. E. Church, of which he is Sunday-school superintendent. September 11, 1885, he married Ella Sikes, adopted daughter of Harvey Sikes of Greene county, N. Y. They have one child, William, born in 1890.

Edes, James, Manheim, was born in England in the year 1835. In 1854 he came to this country and commenced to work on a farm, and after an industrious period he was enabled to purchase his present fine property of 190 acres of dairy land upon which he keeps fifty-five head of horned cattle, four horses, besides other stock. His wife was Miss Charlotte Boyce, an English lady, who died in April, 1890. Mr. Edes has had six children, two boys and four girls. Mr. Edes is a thorough representative and prosperous farmer.

Evans, James H., Herkimer, was born in Granville, Washington county, N. Y., November 14, 1839. He received a good education in the schools of Cohoes, and at an early age entered the employ of the Ogden Mills there, later on assuming charge of the spinning rooms, and in 1869, became identified with the knitting industry in Cohoes. He came to Herkimer in 1877, and entered the employ of Morris Mark, with whom he remained until the formation of the Gem Knitting Company, four years ago, of which he became the leading partner and practical head. The other members of the concern are H. A. Deimel, C. R. Snell, and M. A. Deimel. Employment is furnished to 150 hands, and Swiss Ribbed Underwear in cotton, wool and silk is produced, three hundred dozen being turned out per day. The factory is a large three-story brick building with basement and contains all modern improvements and machinery. The products are disposed of through their New York office at 48 Leonard street. Mr. Evans is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Eaton, Volney, Herkimer, is a native of Eatonsbush, this county, and is the son of a farmer. He is a direct descendant of Francis Eaton, who came over in the *Mayflower*. His father took part in the war of 1812, and served at Sackett's Harbor. General Eaton, of Revolutionary fame, was also an ancestor of Mr. Volney Eaton. Mr. Eaton has been in the saw-mill business for some years. Latterly he has retired from active business. He has twice been high sheriff, once of Herkimer County, once of Iowa, Michigan. In politics he is a Republican, and was one of the first organizers of the Republican party in this part.

Enos, William P., Herkimer, was born in the town of Ohio, March 30, 1830. He received a common school education and after learning the machinest trade, at which he worked for thirty years, traveling to many cities and States in the prosecution of this industry. He afterwards purchased his farm on the Steuben road of 140 acres of dairy land, upon which he has since lived. He keeps twenty-five or thirty head of stock and cuts from sixty to seventy tons of hay. He married Miss L. Sherman and has a son and a daughter. The family is of New England descent. He was in the ordnance department of government service as inspector during the war.

Fish, Irving K., Litchfield, was supervisor of Litchfield, in 1888, 1889, and 1890. He was born here on the farm where he now lives July 26, 1847, son of Alonzo L. Fish, who by his pen and practical instructions, was one of the first to advance dairy interests in Herkimer county, and establish export trade in dairy products. Was supervisor of Litchfield in 1860, 1861, and 1862, and the originator of many useful enterprises; a native of Connecticut, who came here with his father Samuel Fish, the original owner of this farm which has been in the family ever since. Samuel was a son of Nathaniel Fish. Irving K. Fish, married E. Jennie Beals, and they have one daughter, Cornelia J. Mrs. E. J. Fish is a daughter of Rev. Oliver Beals, who was a son of David Beals, one of the first settlers of this town.

Fish, Wallace Isaac, Litchfield, is one of the prominent farmers of Litchfield. He married Emma M. Underwood, December 24, 1856, and they have two children living, S. Lynn, who married Gertie E. Rider, and Fred P., who married Jennie M. Davis, and is overseer of the poor. Isaac W. Fish is a son of Elias W., who was supervisor of this town for many years, he was a son of Samuel who came here with his father Nathaniel, one of the first settlers here. Isaac W. Fish's mother was Alma P., daughter of Isaac Parker, a brother of the Rev. Archibald Parker, both of them being among the first settlers of the town of Litchfield. George Parker was the father of the Parker brothers, who were the first settlers here. George Parker died June 26, 1820, aged 89 years, his wife Sarah died July 23, 1836, aged 94. Isaac Parker died January 23, 1849, aged 67, his wife Mercey, died October 29, 1856, aged 86. Elias W. Fish died June 26, 1869, aged 66, and his wife Alma P., died February 2, 1883, aged seventy-seven. The deed of this farm, dated December 8, 1794, from Archibald Parker, to Isaac Parker, is now in the possession of Isaac W. Fish, and was recorded July 29, 1818, signed Walter Fish, clerk.

Fisher, Henry, Ohio, was born in Germany in 1825. His parents were John and Barbara Fisher, who had five sons and two daughters. In 1847 Mr. Fisher and family

came to America and settled in Ohio township, where he purchased sixty acres of land in the wilderness. On this he built a log house, in which he spent the remainder of his life. He was a Democrat, and he and his wife were Lutherans. He died in 1853 and his wife in 1872. Henry Fisher was twenty-two years old when he came to this country with his parents. He married Christina Fisher, a native of Germany, by whom he had five children, Nicholas, Charles, Rachael, Amelia, and Emily, all of whom are living. Mr. Fisher owns 269 acres of land, and keeps a large dairy. He is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. He is one of the stockholders in the Poland union store.

Folts, Mrs. D., Herkimer, is one of the remarkable women of the age, and lives a mile and a half from Herkimer. Her son, W. P. Folts, works the farm and manages outside affairs, and she does a great deal of magnetic healing. She has been practicing twenty-two years and has established a wide and substantial reputation. They have one hundred acres of land used for dairying and grain. Mrs. Folts' father was a doctor. From the Gloversville *Intelligencer*: "One mile and a half east of Herkimer village lives an old lady called Mrs. Folts. This person has obtained a wonderful reputation for the healing of diseases. It is now twenty-two years since she began to attract by her great healing powers, and to-day her house is a modern Mecca for the sick, many of whom travel hundreds of miles to consult her. Her patients consist mainly of chronic cases, though the diseased and crippled of all kinds seek her aid. Many wonderful cures are said to have been performed by this remarkable woman, and her patrons have unlimited confidence in her powers. Two busses are kept running from Herkimer to her house, and every Central train stopping in Herkimer brings her new patients. Sometimes as many as twenty will come on one train to see the old lady. Mrs. Folts is about sixty-five years of age. Her father was also gifted in the healing art. She lets the cures she does do all her advertising. In Herkimer, where she is well known she is regarded as very skillful and the patronage she is receiving from all the world is truly wonderful." From the Rome *Sentinel*: "We read of miracles in the healing art, but one has lately come under our own observation. One of our nearest neighbors, Mr. Hanley, has a little son thirteen years old, who has been afflicted some two years with hip disease. Our most eminent physicians could do him but little good. An open sore on his limb discharged continually and the pain was almost unbearable. Two weeks ago he was taken to see Mrs. Folts, at Herkimer, who treated the case by rubbing with the hands and by medicine and since that hour he has suffered no pain, the wound has healed, and there are fair hopes of a permanent cure."

Forrest, David J., Russia, was born in Russia March 31, 1851. His father was William Forrest, a son of John and Martha Forrest. (See sketch of J. W. Forrest.) William Forrest was born August 5, 1805, in Russia. He was educated in the common schools and reared on a farm. He was a great reader and a well informed man. His wife was Abigail, daughter of David and Effiah Hunter. They had three sons and four daughters. Mr. Forrest followed clerking for some time in Utica, but afterwards became a farmer. He was a Democrat and was assessor and highway commissioner. He was a captain of a rifle company in the State militia. David J. Forrest was reared on

the farm he now owns, and was educated in the common schools. In 1879 he married Lillias McArthur, a native of Russia, and daughter of Donald McArthur. They have four children: Raymond H., Fred E., Edna J., and George A. Mr. Forrest is a farmer and a Democrat. He is a member of Russia Grange, No. 630. He and wife are members of the regular Baptist Church of Russia.

Frederiksen, J. D., Little Falls, is a native of Denmark. He received his education in the leading schools of Denmark and graduated from the Royal Agricultural College of Copenhagen. After his graduation he was director in a beet sugar manufactory for some time. He then became interested in Professor Hansen's dairy inventions, which he first introduced in this country. They consist of Hansen's rennet extract, Hansen's butter color, Hansen's cheese color, etc., etc. Mr. Frederiksen induced Professor Hansen to establish a large manufactory here in Little Falls, to supply the American demand, of which he is manager. Mr. Frederiksen is a thorough business man and has achieved remarkable success.

Flansburg, Cornelius, Ohio, was born July 16, 1834, son of Bartholomew and Angeline Flansburg, and was educated in the common schools. In 1867 he married Elizabeth Cummings, born October 4, 1848, a daughter of James and Margaret Cummings of Ohio. Mr. Cummings died July 25, 1885. His wife is still living at the age of seventy-two years. Subject and wife have two children, Olive A. and Jessie B. At twelve years of age Mr. Flansburg began working on a farm by the month. In 1858 he went to California for seven years, following lumbering and mining. He then returned to Ohio, and has since been a farmer. He is a Republican and has been assessor six years. He with his family attends the M. E. church.

Freygang, Gustav A., Dolgeville, was born in Prussia, February 24, 1859. Mr. Freygang received his education in that country where he also learned the shoemaker's trade, and afterwards in 1879 was foreman of a large shoe manufactory in Petersburg, Russia, until 1883, when he came to America, and on January 18, 1884, engaged with Alfred Dolge. He is now foreman over the shoe business for Mr. Dolge, and has charge of about seventy-five hands. Mr. Freygang married Miss Roza Franz. They have no issue.

Fellows, Charles L., Newport, a son of George W. and Louisa H. (Bowen) Fellows, was born April 8, 1867, and had one sister, Ruth V. George W., the father, was a son of Joel and Angeline, who had five children. The subject was married to Emma L., daughter of Albert A. and Harriet L. Bullard. He is a Republican and is town, also village, clerk. He commenced as a drug clerk for Dexter & Holcomb when sixteen years old, and after three years entered the employ of D. Wells, in the meantime studying law with C. A. Moon. He entered the Albany law school in 1889, from which he graduated June 18, 1890. He was admitted to the bar at General Term of the Supreme Court April 28, 1892. After graduating he entered the office of C. A. Moon, of Newport, and on the death of the latter assumed charge of the business and office. The subject is a member of the Newport Lodge F. and A. M., No. 455, in which he serves as senior warden.

Ford, A. W., Fairfield, is a native of Middleville, and has always followed farming. He was born September 7, 1826, and in 1863 married Irene Isham. They have four children, one son, David, and three daughters, Addie Belle, Mary and Irene. Mr. Ford owns three hundred acres of fine dairy farm in Fairfield, where his grandfather settled. His father, David Ford, was born in this town in 1782 and served at Sackett's Harbor in the war of 1812 as captain.

Finster, George, Schuyler, was born October 6, 1817, and in 1851 he married Eme-line M. Sweet. They have two sons, R. V. and Delos. The former resides at home on the farm. Delos married Emily Husted, and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. The father of George was Jacob, and his father was John Finster, who participated in the war of the Revolution, and fought at the battle of Oriskany.

Fenner, Rosell, Newport, was born at Cold Brook January 13, 1825, a son of Jeremiah and Phosa (Rich) Fenner. His father came from Rhode Island to Newport when two years old. In 1794. He was a son of George, whose children were: Jeremiah, Harding, Gorton, Seth, George, Lydia, Sallie, and Elsie. Rosell Fenner had one sister, Maria Louisa (deceased). He married on October 15, 1863, Mary Ann, daughter of Henry Bristol. He entered the lumbering business at Forestport in 1850 and after seven years engaged in the livery business at St. Paul, Minn., for seven years. In 1849 he went to California, remaining but fourteen months (in mining interests). He was also in the cigar business at Utica for seven years. He died October 2, 1892. His family are attendants of the Baptist church, Mr. Fenner's father was one of the original owners of the water-power of Newport.

Faville, Henry, Dolgeville, is a grandson of John Faville, who settled here in 1795. He was born December 5, 1830, and after receiving an academic education followed the occupation of farming for many years. He married Miss Sarah L. Slauson, and they have two children, a son and a daughter. William H. Faville, his son, is engaged in the hardware business in the Faville block, Dolgeville. The ancestors of this family participated in the war of the Revolution, also the war of 1812. Members of the family also held commissions in the late war. Henry Faville has long been identified with the progress of Dolgeville. He owns large real estate interests in and adjacent to this village, comprising the Faville block, seventy-five to eighty acres of building lots, etc. He has held important public offices most acceptably to residents and property owners.

Fay, Rimmen C., German Flats, superintendent of the Remington Armory, born in Ludlow, Mass., Aug. 6, 1848. After having received a liberal preliminary education he was employed for several years by the Colt's Patent Fire-Arms Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Conn., as machinist, contractor and draughtsman. During this time he made complete sets of working drawings of the celebrated Gatling Machine Gun under the direction of the inventor, Dr. Richard J. Gatling. He left Colt's Armory to enter the employ of the Fales & Jenks Machine Company at Pawtucket, R. I., as contractor upon the well-known Rabbeth spindle, and remained there about seven years, when Mr. Rabbeth sold his interest in the spindle to the Hopedale

Machine Company of Hopedale, Mass. Mr. Fay was then engaged by the Hopedale Machine Company to design the tools and fixtures required to manufacture the spindles there. After this was accomplished he was engaged for about two years manufacturing the spindles by contract, after which he was engaged as superintendent of the Hopedale Machine Company's entire works. After having served in this capacity for about four years he resigned the position on account of ill health. He next entered the employ of the Pratt & Whitney Company of Hartford, Conn., as designer and draughtsman of special machinery and also as traveling salesman. He remained with this company until he was engaged July 1, 1888, by the Remington Arms Company as superintendent. Mr. Fay has taken out about twenty patents. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the leading mechanical engineering society in the United States. In 1870 Mr. Fay married Miss A. Izette Doane, of Brookfield, Mass., and they have a family of seven children. Mr. Fay's father was Lucius N. Fay, of Brookfield, Mass., and Mrs. Fay's father was Cheney Doane, of the same place, who was a cousin of Bishop William Croswell Doane, of Albany. Her grandfather was a drum-major in the Revolutionary War, and her uncle, Nathan Doane, was a drum-major in the war of 1812, both father and son using the same drum, the live oak shell of which is now in the possession of the G. A. R. Post of Worcester, Mass. Her grandfather was a lineal descendant of John Adams.

Farrell, Thomas P., Frankfort, was born December 14, 1843. He went into the grocery business in Frankfort, and has continued it to the present time, a period of twenty years, he being one of the stirring merchants of the town. April 27, 1876, he married Mary Josephine Carry, of Utica, and they have one daughter, Mary Julia Farrell. In 1886 he purchased the fine George Gates mansion for a residence. Mr. Farrell is a member of the Board of Education, of the Board of Water Works, and is one of the largest taxpayers in the town.

Ford, James W., Fairfield, is a native of Fairfield and was born June 3, 1836. He has been a farmer all his life, and owns two fine dairy farms of 128 and 164 acres, upon which he has a herd of seventy milch cows. Mr. Ford's grandfather came here from Green River, Conn., about 107 years ago. Mr. Ford married Miss Sarah A. Ives in 1861, and they have a family of one son and three daughters, William, Mrs. Truman Cole, Fannie S. and Mabel H. Mr. Ford is a Republican in politics, and is recognized as a leading man in every way in this part of the county.

Fisher, John C., Ohio, was born in Germany February 23, 1840, and was reared on a farm. In 1869 he came to America and first settled in Indiana. After residing there ten years he came to Herkimer county, where he has since lived. He married in Germany Ona Farber, a sister of Christopher Farber, of Ohio township. To Mr. Fisher and wife were born seven children: John, Henry, Lewis, Willie, Sophia, Mary and Lillie. Mr. Fisher has 229 acres of land in Ohio township and keeps a dairy. He is a Democrat in politics.

Ginbey, James S., Winfield, was born in Winfield August 27, 1850, a son of James Ginbey, who settled in this town in March, 1848, from London, England. His wife was Mary Ann Thomas, of Welsh birth. They are both living in Winfield. James S.

Ginbey married Almina Seckner, of Columbia, February 12, 1879. James S. Ginbey has a farm of 112 acres, on which he settled in 1876. He bought the farm from Sanders Dodge in 1882, and still owns it, having added many buildings and made it very complete. He has cleared a part of the farm from the woods and improved the remainder.

Goodier, Alonzo J., Litchfield, was born on the farm where he now lives November 12, 1843. He owns a grain and dairy farm of 100 acres. He married Carrie Tompkins, of Bridgewater, Oneida county. They have two sons, Floyd T. and Warren A. Alonzo Goodier is a son of Aaron Goodier, and he is a son of Aaron Goodier, a native of England, who came to this country with his brother Henry about 1794 and settled at Goodier's Corners. He built the stone house now owned by Marsden Goodier. J. Alonzo Goodier has held the office of school commissioner for two terms of six years.

Graves, George, M. D., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer. He received his education at the Fairfield Academy and Clinton Institute, graduating from the former in 1867 and from the Medical department of the University of Buffalo, class of '70. He commenced the practice of his profession in Ilion. After remaining there for two years he removed to Herkimer, where he has since located, enjoying a leading patronage from his townsmen. Dr. Graves has been treasurer of the Herkimer County Medical Society. He was at one time an assistant surgeon in the National Guard, State of New York, and United States examining surgeon for many years, and is now surgeon of the Adirondack & St. Lawrence Railway Co. Dr. Graves is identified with several fraternal and benevolent institutions, such as the Masons, A. O. U. W. Fire department, etc. He married a daughter of Sheriff Wetherwax, by whom he had two sons and a daughter.

Garlock, William H., Russia, was born November 23, 1821, and is a son of Philip, who was a son of George P. Garlock, a native of Canajoharie, where he lived as a farmer, his death occurring at the age of eighty-six years. He had nine sons and four daughters. Philip Garlock was born in Canajoharie, was reared on a farm and received a common school education. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Adam Garlock, and they had six sons and one daughter. Mr. Garlock served in the war of 1812. He died in December, 1865, aged seventy-two years and his wife died in April, 1844, aged fifty-six years. Subject was reared on a farm and received a common school education, and married Elizabeth Woodin, a native of Russia. Her parents were Isaac and Sylvia Woodin, whom we have mentioned elsewhere in this work. In 1834 William H. came with his parents and settled in Russia, where he has since resided and followed farming. He has been a Republican since 1855, and has been justice of the peace thirteen years. He and wife are members of the Free Will Baptist Church. They have two sons, George and Corey, both residents of Grant, George being postmaster at that place and Corey being assistant. Corey has been deputy sheriff four years, and George justice of the peace eight years. For the past two years George has been agent for the Deering Company in Chicago. The Garlock family is of German descent, and came to this country in 1708, settling in Schoharie county. Adam Garlock on the maternal side was in the battle of Oriskany under General Nicholas



Herkimer, and subject's great-grandfather on his father's side was Peter Garlock, who was over 100 years of age at the time of his death. Adam Garlock saved one of his neighbors from the scalping knife in the early days.

Goes, Martin, Warren, was born in Root, Montgomery County, February 20, 1833, and is a son of David and Lydia (Hale) Goes. His grandfather, Derrick, came from Holland and settled at Kinderhook. The subject's father was born at Kinderhook, February 22, 1798, and after his marriage came to Root and in 1833 to Springfield, where he bought forty acres on which he lived until his death, January 22, 1858. His wife died in Schoharie, aged seventy-six. They had five children: Elizabeth, Rebecca, Augusta, Martin and Lydia. Martin Goes taught school seven years, and in 1858 bought 100 acres in Richfield. In 1864 he located where he now lives on 230, and is now the owner of 330 acres of land, devoted to hops and dairying. He is one of the founders and a director of the First National Bank of Richfield Springs, and was one of the original movers and a trustee of Richfield Springs Seminary. He is a Mason. He has been twice married: First, February 4, 1858, to Martha, daughter of Alonzo and Catherine (Springer) Bigelow, and had one son, Springer. Mrs. Goes died June 30, 1870, and he married Cornelia, daughter of James and Adeline (Bowker) Ferguson, who has borne him one child, Howard. They are both Presbyterians.

Grosvenor Family, Herkimer, of which the representatives now are Mr. Charles Gray Grosvenor and Mr. Thomas Walter Grosvenor, is one of the oldest families in the United States and one of the most prominent from an historical standpoint in Herkimer county. They trace their descent from ancestors who came over to England with William the Conqueror and their more recent ancestors came to America in 1653. In this country their ancestors on both sides were prominent in the Revolution. Their grandfather's name was Gray. (See Simm's History for full account of ancestors). Col. Thomas Grosvenor, of Sheridan's army, was their uncle. Charles Gray Grosvenor is a civil engineer by profession. In 1884 Thomas W. Grosvenor established a clothing and gent's furnishing business in Herkimer, and was joined in 1885 by his brother, Charles G. The latter gentleman was president of the village in 1888, and the water works were constructed during his term of office. Both are Democrats in politics and members of the Sons of the Revolution. Both are members of the Manhattan Athletic Club of New York.

Gerstenlauer, Gottlieb, Norway, Herkimer county, was born in Germany, October 31, 1839. His parents were Michael and Dorothea Gerstenlauer, who had three sons and three daughters. Mr. Gerstenlauer died in Germany, May 9, 1862, and his wife December 21, 1860. Gottlieb was reared on a farm in Germany. In 1867 he came to America and worked twelve years for Hinckley & Ballou of Hinckley. In 1867 he married Sarah Brand of Morehouseville, Hamilton County, born April 5, 1851, a daughter of Frederick and Mary Brand, and they have three children, Dorothea, Clara and Grace. In 1880 Mr. Gerstenlauer settled on a farm in Norway, where he has since resided. He is independent in politics. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran Church.



Getman, Sanford, Schuyler, is a native of Columbia, Herkimer county, born May 13, 1826. He owns a grass farm of 106 acres. His grandfather came from Fulton county, near Fort Plain. His father was John G. Getman. In 1852 he married Lucy J. Burrell, and they have had five children, four of whom survive: Lewis G., William D., Horatio Seymour and Jesse S. Their oldest son, Jay B., is dead. Mr. Getman has been a member of both the Masonic and I. O. O. F. orders, and in politics is a Prohibitionist. Also a member of the M. E. church and class leader for twenty years.

Gray, Alfred, German Flats, was born in Avoca, Steuben county, August 31, 1854. His father was Henry Gray, a banker and merchant. Alfred Gray came to Ilion in 1880 and began business in the Merry block. He sold out two years ago and in September, 1892, opened his present grocery business. In 1876 he married Miss Alice Finch, of Syracuse, and they have one child. Mr. Gray's family has been in this part of the country for five generations. His mother was a Markell, a prominent family of St. Johnsville.

Graham, J., Schuyler, is a native of Deerfield, Oneida county, and was born May 7, 1826. His father was James Graham, jr., a native of Westchester county. He was born May 7, 1789. His father was James Graham, also a native of Westchester county, and his grandfather was John Graham, of that county, who participated in the War of the Revolution and was connected with marine affairs. In 1849 Mr. Graham married Mary Gordon. He has been assessor of Schuyler for fifteen years, and is a staunch Republican.

Glidden, Dr. Charles H., Little Falls, was born in Orleans county, N. Y., in 1856, received his education at the Brockport State Normal school, graduating from that institution in 1875. He was principal of the Union school at Caledonia, N. Y., one year and of the academy at Avon Springs, N. Y., two years. He became a student in the office of Dr. E. M. Moore, of Rochester, N. Y., in 1878, graduated from the Medical department of Columbia College in New York city in 1881, and commenced the practice of his profession here in the same year. He is present city physician and has served several times as city health officer. He is a member of the American Medical Association, a fellow of the New York State Medical Association and a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society. He married Miss Margaret C. Milne, of Orleans county, N. Y., in November, 1881. Dr. Glidden conducts an extensive practice here.

Getman, Clark, M. D., Salisbury Corners, was born in Columbia, Herkimer county, October 14, 1854. His ancestors were of Revolutionary stock. He received an academic education in the institutions of Winfield and Cazenovia, and graduated from the Medical department of the University of Buffalo, N. Y., in 1883. He immediately thereafter commenced the practice of his profession in Dolgeville, where he remained for eight years, enjoying a large and lucrative practice, during which time he erected a fine block on Main street, and other buildings, which he still owns. Dr. Getman then removed to Salisbury Center, where he is now practicing. He married Miss Cole, of Richfield, and they have two children, a son and a daughter. Dr. Getman is identified with the Masons, Odd Fellows, etc.

Gettley, John, German Flats, is a native of Germany and came to America in 1854. He was a painter by trade, but went into the plumbing business two years ago, in the firm of Metsger & Gettley. Mr. Gettley is a master Mason, a member of the Royal Arcanum and is a Republican. In 1861 he married Miss Mary A. Metsger and they have one daughter, Rachael B.

Getman, Mahlon, German Flats, was born in Columbia, June 6, 1835, and was engaged in farming until 1867, when he embarked in the cheese business and is to-day one of the largest dealers and manufacturers in the county. He owns four factories and manages two others. The annual export of his own four factories averages about 400,000 pounds. Mr. Getman married Sarah A., daughter of Erastus Holmes, in 1858, and they have one daughter, Mrs. Truman Snell, of Manheim. Mr. Getman has been president of the village of Mohawk, and also held official positions in Columbia.

Garner, George C., Danube, was born in the town of Danube, December 25, 1851. His grandfather, John Garner, settled in Jefferson county, N. Y. His father, Peter Garner, had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter. George C. Garner married Helen M. Walmouth; they have no children. Mr. Garner owns 300 acres of land devoted to dairy purposes and about forty head of stock. He is a member of the Grange and has served as excise commissioner of Danube.

Greene, Alonzo Herkimer, Little Falls, was born in the town of Danube and received his education in the Little Falls Academy. In 1862 he was appointed deputy county clerk, which position he held three years. In 1866 he engaged in the general insurance business, and the same year was elected to the office of police justice, the duties of which office he faithfully performed until 1874. In 1882 Mr. Greene was appointed postmaster under President Arthur, and held this position four years. He has held various other positions of responsibility. As a member of the board of education, his perseverance and determination to place the schools upon the high plane they now occupy, had much to do with the erection of the magnificent school buildings that Little Falls people are proud of. After a service of fifteen years, he retired from the board in 1892. His experience as a civil engineer has had very much to do with the progress of Little Falls. He married Mary P., daughter of the late Hon. Nelson J. Beach. Mr. Greene is of Holland descent on his father's side, whose ancestors originally settled in Dutchess county, N. Y. His mother was a grand-niece of General Nicholas Herkimer of Revolutionary fame.

Holland, George E., Litchfield, is a merchant, farmer and lime manufacturer, and has also held the office of postmaster since 1875. He was overseer of the poor, and was drafted during the late war, but paid \$300 for a substitute. He was born in Bangor, Me., October 18, 1835, and came to Frankfort with his father, Dr. Richard Holland, who built the Graceton, eng. water cure, which was named after the first water cure in Germany, and successfully conducted by him from 1847 until about 1864. He married February 1, 1860, Anna E., daughter of Elisha Wetmore, jr., whose father came from Connecticut and settled early in Paris, Oneida county, having bought five hundred acres of land in the woods. He came from Connecticut with a sleigh and yoke of cat-

tle. George E. and Anna E. Holland have three children: F. Adele, Jennie I. and Daniel. Dr. Richard Holland was born Dec. 28, 1806, and is well and smart. He now lives at Watertown.

Hackley, Arthur C., Winfield, carries on the manufacture of cheese boxes, and material for the same, also has a lumber yard and saw-mill. He was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, February 6, 1850, and settled in West Winfield in 1872. He commenced business here at that time, and was married in 1891. He is a son of Dr. A. Hubbard Hackley, a resident of Plainfield, whose first wife was Emeline, daughter of Levi Carpenter, one of the first settlers of Bridgewater, and a native of Connecticut. Dr. Hackley, has two children: Arthur C., and Alice M. The latter is studying medicine in the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa. Arthur C. married, in 1891, Jessie M. Casler, a daughter by adoption of A. B. Haggerty, of West Winfield. Mr. Hackley is the present master of Winfield Lodge, No. 581, F. and A. M., of West Winfield, which position he has held for seven years, but not continuously. He has been president of the board of education for three years and a member for seven years.

Hiteman brothers, Henry and John Hiteman, Winfield, are natives of Germany. Henry came to this country in 1863, and John came in 1870. They landed in New York in debt for their passage. Henry was fifteen years of age and John about sixteen years. Both worked at farming for a few years. Henry began the tannery business in 1869, and John in 1874, and then commenced the tanning business for themselves in 1884, and are still in business in West Winfield. They are sons of Conrad and Elizabeth Hiteman. Henry Hiteman married Louisa Mehner, of Ohio, and they have two children: William E., and Gertrude M. John Hiteman married Mary Huber who died in 1884, aged 27 years. He afterward married Mary Gula, by whom he has had two children: George J., and Edna P. Both families are residents of West Winfield.

Harris, William, Litchfield, son of Martin, is a farmer and manages the Wilkinson estate, which farm has been occupied by that family since 1876. It was first settled by Selah Holcomb in 1791, and Ira Wilkinson settled on the next farm north of this. William Harris was born April 10, 1847, and married Catherine Doyle, born April 14, 1849. They have eight children: Martin J., William B., Francis A., Edward B., Mary T., Maurice D., Mathew B. and Harry W.

Harrison, Thomas E., Winfield, was born in Litchfield, February 25, 1836, a son of Stephen Harrison, who came from England and settled first in New Hartford, and then in Litchfield about 1833. He married Mary Watson, and they had eight children, five living: John W., Thomas E., William H., Rosa R. and Elizabeth. The three deceased are Margaret, Mary Jane and Eliza A. Thomas E. Harrison married, May 24, 1885, Olive E. Alexander of Litchfield, and they have three children: Mary Eliza, Herbert Alexander and Leonard E. Mary Eliza was educated first at the West Winfield Academy, then at the State Normal School at Albany, where she graduated in the class of 1888. She is now a teacher in Selden, Long Island. Herbert Alexander was educated at the West Winfield Academy, and graduated there: then taught school

two years. He read medicine with the late Dr. E. S. B. Spencer of West Winfield, and entered the New York Homoeopathic Medical College of New York City in October, 1891, and is still attending that college, from which he will graduate in 1894. Leonard E. Harrison is now attending the West Winfield Union School and Academy. Mrs. Olive E. Harrison is a daughter of Joseph and Eliza Alexander of Litchfield; they had two children: Esther Jane, and Olive E. Alexander. Thomas E. Harrison has been justice of the peace for four years, and was re-elected last spring.

— Holcomb, Edward B., Litchfield, farmer and dealer in agricultural implements, was supervisor for 1891 and 1892. He is a son of William Holcomb, who was given this farm by his grandfather. It is a part of the old original farm first settled by Selah Holcomb, in 1791. William Holcomb was a son of Alburn, who was a son of Selah, who had two children: Alburn and Sally Crosby. Alburn had four children: Mrs. Pamela Wright, William, Albert and Irving. William had two children: William L. and Edward B., who married Mary E. Crist, and they have two children: Ernest Selah, and Edith May. Mrs. Mary E. Holcomb was a daughter of H. H. Crist, of Winfield.

Histed, W. Duane, Litchfield, is a farmer, cheese manufacturer and merchant. The first cheese factory was built here by William Rider about 1867, and owned by him until 1885, when he sold it to Duane Histed. He was born in West Exeter, April 22, 1853, and settled at this place in 1881. He is a son of William Histed a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. Histed married Cora A. Cole, and has three children: Nellie Estelle, James Edwin and Robert Earl. Mrs. Histed is a daughter of Henry Cole of West Winfield, a native of this county.

Hines, Riley B., Norway, was born in Newport, August 4, 1867. He is a son of Benjamin and Harriet (Holliday) Hines. (See sketch of Charles F. Hines). The subject was educated in the common schools, was reared on a farm and now follows the occupation of farming. March 27, 1889, he married Anna M. Haver of Newport, a native of Ohio, born in 1868, a daughter of John and Johanna A. Haver. The subject and wife have one child, Bertha M. Mr. Hines owns three hundred acres of land and keeps a large dairy 2½ miles east of Cold Brook, on the State road to Norway, in the town of Russia. He is a Republican and he and wife attend the M. E. Church.

Hughes, E. H., Russia, was born in Western, Oneida county, N. Y., September 20, 1839. His father was John Hughes, a native of Wales, who when a young man came to Oneida county. By his first wife Mr. Hughes had one daughter and two sons. His second wife was Jane Roberts, a native of Wales, by whom he had one son and three daughters. Mr. Hughes was a physician and had an extensive practice. Subject of sketch was reared on a farm and after the death of his father which occurred when subject was six years old, he went to live with his uncle, William G. Roberts, and there resided until twenty years of age. He then farmed in Oneida until 1869, when he came to Russia, where he has since resided on the Hinckley farm. February, 1863, he married Jane Hughes, a native of Remsen, Oneida county, and a daughter of John and Laura Hughes. To E. H. Hughes and wife have been born two children: Laura J. and Gardner, deceased. Mr. Hughes is a Republican.

Hart, James, Little Falls, was born in Johnstown, Fulton county, November 7, 1821. He completed his education at Fairfield Academy and taught school in the towns of Salisbury and Little Falls. In 1851 he commenced the study of law in the office of Loomis & Griswold, and in 1854 he was admitted. He was deputy collector of internal revenue under J. R. Stebbins, United States collector. He held several minor offices. He was a trusted and worthy citizen, and he died suddenly on the 4th of March, 1888, at his residence, leaving his son, James B. Hart and Edward S. Hart and Nellie Hart him surviving.

Hopkinson, William, Warren, was born February 22, 1817, in Kerby, Leistershire, England. He came with his parents to the United State, and at the age of fifteen began working for Judge Cleland, in whose employ he continued for six years, his father receiving his wages. At twenty-one he bought 107 acres in Warren, where he remained until 1860, when, his family becoming large, he sold out and moved on to a farm of 230 acres in Columbia, incurring a debt of \$10,000, which he paid up in five years. He married October 14, 1840, Catherine, daughter of George and Catherine (Hoyer) Yule. They have had eight children: Catharine, George, James, William, Mary, Rosa, Clinton and Charles. His wife died in 1887, when he married Mary, widow of Clark Sweet. Mr. Hopkinson has given to each of his living children \$3,500 and has plenty left to live upon. He is a connection of Samuel Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Hemstreet, John, Russia, was born in Russia March 13, 1828. His father was Richard I., son of John D. Hemstreet, a native of Montgomery county, who served in the war of 1812. John D. Hemstreet came early to Ohio, where he engaged in farming, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace. He had four sons and two daughters. Both he and his wife were Methodists. Richard I. Hemstreet was born in Montgomery county in 1805. He was educated in the common schools of that county, then came to Ohio, where he taught school for several years. He married Sarah, daughter of James Caldwell, a native of Saratoga and an early settler of Ohio. To Mr. Hemstreet and wife were born three sons and three daughters, four of whom are living. In 1840 he graduated from the medical course of Fairfield Seminary, and for a short time practiced medicine in Ohio, then went to Cold Brook, where he resided five years. He next went to Poland and practiced his profession until his death in 1865. He was an active Republican, one of the original members of the County Medical Society, and also a member of the I. O. O. F. of Poland. Mrs. Richard I. Hemstreet died in 1876. Subject of sketch (John Hemstreet) was educated in the public schools and reared on the old homestead, near where he now resides. He assisted in his father's business until the death of the latter. He made a two years' trip to California during the gold excitement. Mr. Hemstreet is a real estate owner in Herkimer county, and during the last fifteen years has dealt largely in stocks. He is a Democrat, a member of Newport Lodge No. 455, F. & A. M., a stockholder and director of the National Bank of Poland and one of its original members. He is liberal in his religious views.

Horn, Adolph G., Dolgeville, was born in Leipsic, Germany, March 27, 1862. He received a good education in the schools there, and came to this country early in the year 1880. He was engaged in following the printing business, which he learned prior to coming to America. He worked at his trade in this year, and eventually entered the employ of Alfred Dolge in 1880. Mr. Horn is now foreman of the shoe-cutting department, and is a skilled and valuable man in this department. He is one of the founders of the Turn Verein of Dolgeville, a member of the school society, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Mutual Aid Society. He married Miss Lizzie Heber. They have three children, a boy and two girls. Mr. Horn possesses some valuable real estate in Dolgeville.

Hopson, Edwin R., Dolgeville. Alvarius Hopson came from Wallingford, Conn., to Salisbury in the spring of 1793. He purchased land, built a saw-mill and followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on his farm southeast of Salisbury Center in the year 1825. He was the father of six sons and five daughters, all noted for their large symmetrical stature, physical strength, activity and determination. E. R. Hopson, a great-grandson of Alvarius Hopson, was born in Salisbury August 31, 1823. His grandfather's name was David, and he was one of the six sons of Alvarius, who came with their father from Connecticut. His father, James Hopson second, was born in Salisbury January 6, 1800. He was an influential farmer and filled many important public positions, and died in 1866. E. R. Hopson was married October 24, 1844, to Deborah Thompson, of Saratoga county, who died January 11, 1856, leaving two sons, viz.: Elton J., born June 30, 1851, and George D., born December 30, 1855. On February 18, 1857, Mr. Hopson was married to Jane Lamberson, of Salisbury, by whom he has one daughter, Lizzie, who married Jesse F. Weatherwax, of Little Falls. E. R. Hopson is an extensive owner of dairy land, and is largely interested in the Cold Creek cheese factory, located near Dolgeville. His two sons are located on his farms, and he has personally managed the factory for the last thirty years. He has filled the position of trustee of Dolgeville since the organization of the town, where he now resides, and is treasurer and manager of the Dolgeville Coal Company.

Howell, W. B., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer. He received a good education in the schools of the village, and served an apprenticeship with his father in the furniture and undertaking business, finally succeeding him in 1866, and has since carried on an extensive concern with marked success. He has served the village as trustee, president, supervisor, etc., and is a member of the Electric Light and Water Commissions. Mr. Howell is also identified with the Masonic fraternity, having been master and past district deputy. He is also identified with local, social and benevolent institutions. He married Miss Mary S. Green, a daughter of Zenas Green and a descendant of General Herkimer. They have no family.

Harter, Smith C., of Herkimer, is a native of that town, and with the exception of six years has lived there all his life. Those years were from eleven to seventeen years of age. He then took up contracting for the Remington Arms Company from 1863 to 1874. In 1877 he entered into partnership with C. W. Palmer in their present enterprise, which has continued ever since, and their premises are double the capacity with

which they started. Mr. Harter is a superior and enterprising business man and is well known throughout the county. He is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge and of the Veiled Prophets. In politics he is Democratic and active, but will not take office owing to the demand of his business upon his time. His people have been in America for generations. He married Miss Cornelia Palmer, also of an old American family.

Hall, H. Clay, Little Falls, is a native of New Jersey, and after many years of sea service entered the law office of Cummings, Alexander & Green, of New York city, and was admitted to the bar in 1859. In 1860 Mr. Hall accepted an important office in the United States navy, which he filled until October, 1861, when he resigned to enlist in the 1st New York Mounted Rifles, as private, from which he was mustered out in 1865 as first sergeant. Mr. Hall has a record in the war department for distinguished success. He also served in the United States army during the Mexican war and has during his earlier years had considerable experience on the sea, having filled every position, from cabin boy to captain. He has penetrated through Behring Straits as far north as 73 deg. 35 m. Mr. Hall was elected in 1885 commander of the G. A. R. for New York State. He has practiced law in this county ever since the close of the war, and no lawyer at the bar stands higher than he in the estimate of the judges of the Supreme Court of this district. He married Sophia Brown, of Franklin, and they have three children living.

Holden, J. P., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer and received his education in the schools of this village. He learned the trade of a machinist, at which he worked for about seven years, since which time up to the present he has been engaged in the hotel business. He has conducted hotels in Colorado, Pennsylvania, etc. During the Centennial at Philadelphia (1876) he conducted two hostelries. Mr. Holden now owns an elegant confectionery and restaurant in Herkimer, which he inaugurated in 1885. He also does a wholesale commission business in fruits and produce. He married Harriet J. Clemons, of Frankfort. Mr. Holden is identified with the local fire company, Red Men, Business Men's Association, an order of United Friends and is first sergeant of the 21st Separate Company Volunteers. He will also conduct a hotel at 130 West Van Buren street, Chicago, during the World's Fair.

Herrick, William A., Little Falls, was born in Herkimer county, August 8, 1845. After receiving a common school education he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for twenty-five years. About two years ago he purchased the dry-dock property here, and besides repairing canal boats, builds row boats, and in fact all descriptions of boats. He gives employment to several skilled ship carpenters and supervises the work himself. He married Eliza Aldrich, and they have one adopted daughter. Mr. Herrick's yards are located at Lock 37 on the Erie Canal. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., etc.

Huyck, J. Horatio, Herkimer, was born in Herkimer, and has been engaged in the coal business for over thirty years. His office and yards are eligibly located on the line of the Central railroad, where especial shipping facilities are enjoyed. Mr. Huyck has served as trustee of the village for three terms. He was president of the village in 1882-84, and is now a member of the village board. He was supervisor of the town in



1885. Mr. Huyck is a Mason and identified with local social and benevolent associations. He married Miss C. Pryne, of Herkimer, and has a family of three children.

Haslehurst, Alexander W., Herkimer, is a native of Oneida county. He has lived in Herkimer county most of his life, and has been engaged in banking twenty-seven years, beginning as a clerk, and being promoted through all positions until, in 1884, he was appointed cashier of the First National bank of Herkimer, this bank being organized at that time. Prior to this he was teller in the National Mohawk Valley bank. Mr. Haslehurst is an experienced and successful financier and occupies a high position in all social and financial circles.

Hemstreet, J. V., D. D. S., Little Falls, is a native of New York Mills and began the study of dentistry in 1877. In 1880 he opened his office here and has built up a large and influential practice among the best classes of the community. He manufactures a celebrated preparation known as Hemstreet's Dental Cream. Dr. Hemstreet is a Mason, belonging to the commandery, and also to the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a liberal Republican.

Jackson, William W., Herkimer, and Ira E. Jackson bought out the interest of their father, Mr. Washington W. Jackson, in the old homestead and farm of 262 acres. They keep forty-two head of stock and cut about 200 tons of hay and are most successful farmers. W. W. Jackson is trustee of District No. 6, and pathmaster, also a member of the Grange. Both gentlemen are staunch Republicans. The family is one of the most prominent in this section and are of Revolutionary antecedents. Their grandfather, Asa Jackson, served throughout that war. Their father, Mr. W. W. Jackson, makes their place his home.

Jackson, W. E., Fairfield, is one of the best known of the younger farmers of prominence in Fairfield. He is a son of Varnum Jackson, still living, who was born in 1823. They have 250 acres of dairy land, and sixty-seven cows. Both are Democrats, and W. E. is a member of the Grange. His grandfather, Elisha J. Jackson, was one of the earliest settlers in this part of the county, and the family is an old one.

Johnson, Joseph A., was born at Fort Herkimer, N. Y., September 27, 1836, and was connected with the firm of E. Remington & Son's for thirty-four years, and with the exception of the first few years was a contractor. Since the collapse of that firm he has been engaged in the general insurance business and represents nineteen of the best companies in the world. Mr. Johnson is one of the most prominent Masons in the State, having held nearly all the offices in the various Masonic bodies, and is past grand commander of Knights Templar in the State of New York. He married, in 1858, Catharine M. Wildey, and has one son, Edmond A. Johnson, who is associated with him in business, and one daughter, who is the wife of M. Jesse Brayton, ex-county clerk of Oneida county.

Ives, J. H., Little Falls, is a native of Salisbury and early in life embarked in active business operations among the capitalists of this part of New York State. He deals extensively in lumber and cheese, owning ten farms and having a large interest in many cheese factories in Herkimer and has in many ways prominently identified himself with the best interests of the county. Mr. Ives is a director of the Little Falls National bank and was high sheriff of the county in 1876.



Ingham, C. S., German Flats, was born in Schuyler in 1848. He taught school three terms, and lived on a farm until twenty-four years of age, when he came to Ilion. He is a Republican, and a member of the Royal Arcanum. In 1878 he married Miss Arietta Davis. Mr. Ingham's father was Charles B. Ingham, and his grandfather, Joseph Ingham, one of the early settlers of Schuyler. He is one of the leading grocers of Ilion.

Johnson, Samuel, Frankfort, one of the fourteen children of Richard and Sophia (Stannard) Johnson, was born October 22, 1828, in England. His parents emigrated to this country and settled in Utica when he was two years of age. He then moved to Litchfield in 1850, and in 1875 came to Frankfort, where he has since lived. He was married January 15, 1854, to Lovi H. Matteson, of Litchfield, one of ten children of Laban and Susan Matteson. They had three children, Wallace Myron, Alba and Ida (twins), all of whom are dead. Mr. Johnson runs a dairy farm, having at this time eleven cows. Mr. Johnson died November 23, 1892, aged sixty-four years, one month and one day.

Joslin, Merritt F., Frankfort, the only son of Sanford and Savally (West) Joslin, of Frankfort, was born in Litchfield, July 22, 1842. Sanford, the father, was the son of David Joslin (who was a soldier in the war of 1812) and Ruth (Mattison) Joslin. The great-grandfather, John Joslin, was born in Rhode Island, and came to Frankfort in early life (settled on the farm now owned by Merritt F.), where he lived and died at the age of over eighty years. His wife was Hannah Justin. Savally (West) Joslin, the mother, was a daughter of William and Olive (Cady) West, he having been a Revolutionary soldier. Her grandfather and grandmother were William and Nancy (Williams) West, the third generation from Roger Williams. Her great-grandfather was William West, at one time Governor of Rhode Island. Merritt F. was married September 12, 1866, to Hattie C. Norton, one of three children of Wilber L. and Henrietta (Wilcox) Norton. They have two children, Minnie A. and Earl S. Joslin.

Jackson, Henry Eugene, Middleville, was born near Middleville village, upon his father's farm. He was educated in the district schools of this vicinity and at Fairfield Academy. At nineteen years of age he entered the employ of W. W. Mosher, as clerk, and in 1880 he bought an interest in Mr. Mosher's business, which he managed under the firm name of W. W. Mosher & Company until 1892, when he, in conjunction with his brother, Mr. Deville G. Jackson, bought out the interest of Mr. Mosher in his general mercantile firm, which Messrs. H. E. & D. G. Jackson have since conducted with marked success. Mr. H. E. Jackson married Miss Emma Mosher, a daughter of Mr. W. W. Mosher. He has two children, a boy and a girl. Mr. Jackson is a Mason, a member of the Royal Arcanum, and identified with local social and benevolent institutions. His brother, Mr. D. G. Jackson, is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, and married Miss Hattie E. Mosher, also a daughter of W. W. Mosher, and has one child, a girl. The firm own their homestead farm of 250 acres in this vicinity.

Johnson, Jesse W., Schuyler, was born in Windham county, Conn., April 25, 1806. He began to work in a factory at the age of six years, and his life has been an active one ever since. He came with his father's family to Schuyler in 1814. In 1841

he married Caroline M. Shepard, of Rome, N. Y. They had two daughters, Elizabeth W., and Charlotte M. (who died in 1868). Elizabeth W. married Lemuel E. Gilbert, of Brooklyn, N. Y., May 20, 1874, but since the death of her husband, in 1886, has, with her two children, Jesse Carolyn and Stanley, resided with her father. Mr. Johnson voted for the first Harrison, and has voted the Republican ticket ever since.

Jarvis, David P., Russia, the younger son of Thomas and Mary Jarvis, was born in Canavashire, Wales, May 22, 1836; came to this country in 1841; 1843 came to George Pitman's, in Russia, where he lived until after Mr. Pitman's death, which occurred July 4, 1853. Commenced clerking in Prospect; February, 1854, came to Poland as clerk in union store, where he remained until November, 1861, when he enlisted in Company B, Ninth New York Cavalry. In 1862, while on the Peninsula in Virginia, was taken sick with typhoid fever and was removed to Patterson Park Hospital, Baltimore. As soon as he recovered sufficiently he took charge of a sick ward, where he served eight months. He was then given the position of mail agent for the hospital, and as such served until the expiration of his enlistment, November 22, 1864. July, 1865, he returned to his place in the Poland Union. In 1870 he became agent for the store, which position he still holds. Mr. Jarvis is a member of Newport Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M., and of Poland Lodge, No. 185, A. O. U. W. In politics is a Republican. October, 1866, he married Lucia M., daughter of John and Thankful Gorton, who were among the early settlers of Poland, having come here from Massachusetts in 1820. They had one son and five daughters. Mr. Gorton was a manufacturer of axes and scythes; died May, 1863; and Mrs. Gorton in April, 1882.

Higbie, William, Little Falls, was born in Oppenheim, March 24, 1822. His grandfather, George, lived with his parents on Long Island when the British Army occupied New York, and at the time of their evacuation in 1783, they took him prisoner to Nova Scotia. After peace was declared, George returned to Long Island, and finding his family scattered, came to Montgomery county, where he married Margaret McCredy, then removed to Oppenheim, then an unbroken wilderness, filled with bears and wolves. Robert, father of William Higbie, was the oldest son of George Higbie. Robert married Catharine Powell, at Oppenheim, in 1816. December 4, 1814, he went out with the militia from a place called East Creek, where the company rendezvoused, and went to Sackett's Harbor to defend this portion of the State from the British, through Canada. He stayed there until he received his honorable discharge, then returned to Oppenheim and settled down to keeping hotel and farming. William was the oldest son of four children. He worked upon the farm, and was educated at the common schools in Oppenheim and at Fairfield Academy. March 9, 1844, he entered the law office of Lake & Capron. October 19, 1847, after undergoing a severe examination, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of New York State. January 8, 1846, he married Harriet, only daughter of Dr. Peter Yost, of Oppenheim. In the fall of 1847 he entered into partnership with Henry Link, which continued for a year, when he opened an office for himself, devoting his time to his profession and speculating in real estate in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan, and to some extent in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Higbie have two daughters, only one of whom survives, Hattie H., wife of Dr. H. M. Eddy of Geneva, where Mr. Higbie removed in 1866 for the purpose of educating his daughter, Mrs. Eddy. In 1886 he returned to Little Falls, where he is still practicing his profession and carrying on his real estate business.

Ingham, William A., Little Falls, is a native of this place and is the only son of William Schuyler Ingham, the well-known manufacturer and railroad contractor. He owns a large flour and grist-mill on Mill street having dimensions of 112 x 96 feet and does a large business. He has been connected with his father in business all his life and is essentially a business man, directing all his energies and devoting all his time to the affairs of his father and himself. He is possessed of much ability and stands high in commercial circles.

Kinne, Jeremiah, 2d, Litchfield, is a farmer and cheese manufacturer. He built the first cheese factory here, in 1863, which burned down in 1887, and was rebuilt in 1888. He was born on the farm where he now lives December 6, 1821, a son of Jeremiah, a native of Connecticut, who settled here in 1803, and died February 27, 1861, aged ninety-one years. His wife was Chloe Wilcox, born September 27, 1783, and died June 25, 1857. Of their children four survive: Samuel H., Martha G. D., Mary J., and Jeremiah 2d. The latter married Mary G. Kenyon, and has four children living: Jennie M., Ella Lucinda, Eva Lavinda, and Mary L., all at the old homestead except Jennie M., who married Daniel J. Whelan, and resides at Ilion. Mrs. Mary G. Kinne died April 1, 1888, aged sixty-four years. She was a native of Rhode Island, and a daughter of S. W. Kenyon.

Keller, Alexander, Manheim, was born in Manheim, March 9, 1820. He has followed farming all of his life, now owning sixty acres in Manheim near Manheim Centre. He married Miss Mary Marsh of this town, and has had seven children, all of whom are living. One of his sons, Geo. W. Keller, assists him at home. The other members of his family are Peter, Ann, Elisha, Libbie, Jacob and Ella. George W. is the youngest of the children. Mr. Keller formerly had a much larger farm, but disposed of a portion a short time ago.

Kay, William E., Herkimer, farmer, is a native of Frankfort, but has been in Herkimer for twenty-six years. He is well educated and has a fine literary mind, contributing valuable articles to leading agricultural journals. He is a Mason, belonging to the chapter of Ilion, and the Commandery in Little Falls. He was regent of the Royal Arcanum for three years, and is a charter member of the Herkimer Grange, of which he has been master for three years, and is overseer of the Pomona Grange and a director of the Patron's Fire Association of Herkimer, also a director and charter member of the Y. M. C. A. He is a Republican in politics and a man of prominence and influence in this part of the county. Has been secretary and treasurer of Herkimer County Agricultural Society and commissioner of highways of Herkimer.

Kilts, Willard, Fairfield, son of Peter and Caroline Kilts, was born August 18, 1863, on the homestead farm in the town of Fairfield. The Kilts family settled early in this town, William, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, assisting in clearing up

The farm is now known as Kells Hill, which his father purchased in 1788 at ten shillings per acre. William served in the War of 1812. His son, Conradt, who inherited the property, assisted in the construction of the old stone bridge on Ann street at Little Falls, which is now being replaced by an iron one. Conradt and his son Peter, made additions to the property from time to time by the purchase of adjoining lands. Conradt died about 1879 in his eighty-fourth year. Peter died August 16, 1885, aged sixty-three, leaving his wife, Caroline, whose father was the late Abram Keller, three sons and two daughters surviving. Of his sons, Herman, the eldest, was accidentally drowned in the Erie Canal near Little Falls in 1891; Seymour is a farmer at Cortland, N. Y.; Willard has always lived at home, with the exception of a few years while engaged in teaching school and keeping a grocery store in Utica. He married, February 10, 1892, Cora Bellinger. His sisters are Marietta, wife of H. A. Crofoot of Norway, and Carrie, unmarried, living at home.

Kingston, William, Little Falls, paper manufacturer of Little Falls, is a native of Tarrytown, N. Y., and subsequently went to Canada with his parents, but returned in later years to the United States and embarked in the manufacturing line. He came to Little Falls in 1872 and began the manufacture of shoe lasts. In 1879 he began to manufacture paper for building purposes, in which he has met with fair success. His mill is thoroughly equipped with all the latest and most improved machinery. He manufactures his paper from rags, putting it through all the processes on his premises. He disposes of his products in New York. Mr. Kingston is one of the pioneer manufacturers of Little Falls, and his name is highly respected in this part of the State.

Koetteritz, John B., Dolgeville, was born in Prussia, Germany, September 14, 1853. He was educated in the military schools of that country, and served as an ensign in Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71. In 1872 he became second lieutenant and was stationed for seven years at Alsace-Lorraine, the provinces taken from France. In 1879 he came to America and has since been engaged in State and private service as civil engineer and surveyor. Mr. Koetteritz married Carrie Brockett, and they have two children: Lena, aged ten years, and Burt aged six. Lieutenant Koetteritz is one of the best informed and scientific civil engineers in the State, and has made the study of the Adirondack region a specialty. His large map of the Adirondacks is used by all the State departments as authority.

Knapp, George, Schuyler, born January 15, 1848. He owns a thirty-two acre farm and rents other land. He does a general farming business, and raises considerable fruit. His father was Horace H. Knapp. Mr. Knapp has been commissioner of highways and town clerk. In 1870 he married Maria Bradbury, and they have seven children.

Kellar, W., Fairfield, is a native of Fairfield, and has been a farmer all his life. His father, Abram Kellar, was also a resident of the town. Mr. Kellar owns 450 acres of land, and a herd of 105 milch cows. He married in 1876 a daughter of David E. Ransom, and has five children. In politics he is a liberal Democrat, and is identified with the gauge at Little Falls.

Kerr, Neil, German Flats, was born in Oswego city August 19, 1847 and came to Iliion October 7, 1868. He was a contractor in the armory for about a year, and has been with the type-writer since its inception. In this establishment he does all the assembling and employs about sixty men. In 1875 Mr. Kerr married Maggie Creighton Bain, and they have one daughter, Laura Creighton Kerr, aged twelve years. Mr. Kerr's father, Angus Kerr, was a Scotchman, and his wife's people also were Scotch.

Kittams, James H., dentist, German Flats, is a native of Iliion and is a young man of high social standing. He studied for his profession at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and graduated D. D. S. May 6, 1892. He then opened his office here and enjoys a large practice. His father, G. H. Kittams, is an Englishman and came to America in 1855.

Kingsbury, Edward H., Little Falls, is a native of Little Falls. He received his education in the schools of this village, and at an early age entered a mercantile house here, with which he remained four years. After this he was in the employ of E. B. Waite & Company, paper manufacturers, five years as book keeper. He then entered the employ of P. W. Castler & Company as head book-keeper, with whom he has been four years. Mr. Kingsbury is a descendant on his mother's side from General Herkimer. He married Frances Orendorf, and they have no children. He is at present one of the town assessors. He has also most acceptably filled the office of town clerk for two terms. He is a staunch Democrat of Jeffersonian principles.

Klock, Peter, Schuyler, was born March 14, 1833, on the farm where he now lives. His father also was a native of this place, and his grandfather came from Germany in 1776. His grandmother was one of the old Mohawk Dutch. January 19, 1860, Mr. Klock married Louisa M. Jackson, and they have one son, Edgar Jackson Klock, a distinguished student. He was educated at Fairfield and Middleville, and belongs to the Philorhetorean Literary Society of the Fairfield Academy.

Kerivan, John T., Frankfort, was born in Ireland in 1844. He came to this country with his mother when five years of age. When eight years of age he went to work for the William Gates Match Works, but later went boating on the Erie Canal, returning in 1865 to the William Gates Match Works where he has since remained, rising to the position of superintendent of the Diamond Match Company, which position he now occupies (the Diamond Match Company being successors to William Gates' Sons). On February 2, 1865, he married Miss Mary A. Gaffney of Frankfort; they have four children living: John, Mary, James and Frederick. Mr. Kerivan was elected supervisor of the town in February, 1892.

Kyser, Jacob, Ingham's Mills, was born in Salisbury July 29, 1823. He is of Dutch descent, his great-grandfather having settled in this State early in the seventeenth century. His grandfather, after owning land in Salisbury and another township, finally settled in Manheim, and upon his death deeded his farm to his grandson, Jacob Kyser. Upon the death of Cornelius Kyser, father of Jacob, his estate of 200 acres was purchased by the subject of this sketch. This, together with other lands bought by him, makes a total of 540 acres of fine land in his possession. He married Eliza,

daughter of Adam Bellinger, and has had eight children, seven of whom are living, three sons, A. C. Kyser, C. L. Kyser and S. B. Kyser, and four daughters. The latter are married and reside in this county. Mr. Kyser has always taken an active interest in local affairs and has held the office of assessor six years.

Kay, Cyrus, M. D., Herkimer, was born in the town of Frankfort January 10, 1857. He received his education in the public schools of Frankfort and Herkimer, and graduated from the Medical department of Columbia College in 1880, immediately thereafter commencing the practice of his profession in Herkimer. Dr. Kay has been solicited many times to accept public office. He now holds the office of police and fire commissioner, and has been the Republican candidate for president of the village and trustee of the village. He is trustee of the Odd Fellows, a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society, Royal Arcanum, Masonic Fraternity, Royal Arch Masons, charter member of Fort Dayton Hose Company, etc., and is identified with local social and political organizations. Dr. Kay married Miss Clara Hilts and has no family.

Kingston, Edward S., Little Falls, shoe last manufacturer of Little Falls. The industrial life of Little Falls contains no more important representative than the subject of this sketch, not only because of his success and inventive genius, but also because he may be fairly said to be one of the pioneer manufacturers of the place, nearly every other existing industry here having started since he began operations twenty years ago. Edward S. Kingston is a native of Vernon, Oneida county, N. Y. His parents moved to Canada and he remained there eleven years. Since returning to this country he has been engaged variously. First he learned the printing trade, spending two years in this line. He then resided in Albany until 1872, when he came to Little Falls, and he and his brother were engaged in business until 1883, when he went to Utica and formed a partnership with George A. Reynolds in the manufacture of his patent metallic lasts, and he sold the patent to Mr. Reynolds for \$12,000, and retiring from the business resumed the manufacture of wood lasts. In 1884 he started manufacturing in Utica. In 1885 he came back to Little Falls and started his present enterprise, which has proved a most gratifying success. His factory is thoroughly equipped with the best modern machinery, and he disposes of his lasts direct to the consumers. In politics Mr. Kingston is a Republican and is an attendant of the Methodist church. In 1879 he married Miss Cora Penner, daughter of Alfred Penner, and their union has been blessed with one son, Alfred, who is now in his twelfth year. Socially he is held in high esteem, and is an important factor in the industrial life of Little Falls.

Larned, Frederick G., Russia, was born in Poland November 25, 1860. His father was Henry B., son of William H., son of Benjamin, whose father was Benjamin, son of Samuel, son of William, son of Isaac, whose father was Isaac, a son of William Larned, who emigrated from England in 1682 and settled in Massachusetts. Benjamin Larned, the great-grandfather, was born near Springfield, Mass., and there grew to manhood. He married Sarah, daughter of James Willoughby, and had six sons and two daughters. In 1820 he came to Poland, where he died March 19, 1839, and his wife February 28, 1848. William H. Larned was born near Springfield, Mass., April 3, 1805, and died August 28, 1882, and his wife November 22, 1884. Henry B. Larned

was born in Poland April 17, 1829, and attended Fairfield Seminary, where he took a special course in surveying. January 29, 1856, he married Laura A. Sprague, a native of Springfield, Mass., a daughter of Elijah Sprague and Charlotte Young, a lady of French descent. They had one son and five daughters. Mr. Sprague was an early settler of Batavia. His wife died in Steuben in 1872, and he now resides with his children. He died February 4, 1890, while with his daughter, Mrs. Larned, of Poland. Frederick G. Larned was educated in the common schools of Poland, and afterwards took a scientific and commercial course in Fairfield Seminary, graduating in 1879. He afterwards took a course in Eastman's Business College, from which he graduated March 14, 1881. Mr. Larned is a real estate owner in Herkimer county, Dakota, Nebraska and Denver, Col. He is secretary of Poland Grange, No. 607. He is vice president and eastern manager of the Empire Loan Trust Company of Haigle, Neb. Feb. 11, 1891, he married Mary E. Barwell, a native of Poland, born March 19, 1873, a daughter of Henry Barwell, of Poland. Mr. Larned and wife have one child, Lawrence F. Larned, born June 22, 1892.

Little, Andrew, Little Falls, is a native of Scotland, and came to America in 1869, settling in Cooperstown. In 1876 he came to Little Falls and worked at his trade of carpentering for some time. In 1882 he began business in the planing-mill now occupied by him, which mill has the dimensions of 100 x 100 feet, and in which he does a large and successful business. He also deals in lumber. In 1886 Mr. Little married, and has two children. He is a Prohibitionist and a member of the Presbyterian church. He belongs to several societies.

Lintner, W. H. H., Little Falls, was born at Minden March 28, 1840. He engaged in business for a few years in New Haven and Albany before the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in the Albany Light Infantry. During the war the regiment was known as the 177th N. Y. S. Vols. Mr. Lintner was brevetted major for gallant service at the siege and capture of Port Hudson. In 1864 he came to Little Falls and embarked in the drug and grocery business, in which he made a great success, and through which he acquired considerable wealth. For several years he was assistant adjutant-general on the staff of General Priest, and also filled other important offices. He died July 11, 1892.

La Due, Daniel W., Little Falls, is a native of Fulton county, N. Y., in which vicinity his father settled when he was a child. The family is of New England descent. Mr. La Due started the manufacture of cheese boxes in 1852, gradually working up the business to proportions of considerable magnitude, and in 1868 most materially added to its strength by purchasing the saw-mill, now a portion of his plant. Mr. La Due has served as trustee of the village and has furnished employment to a numerous force of hands. He is an Odd Fellow and identified with local, social and financial circles. His wife was Miss Mary E. Schuyler, by whom he has three children, one son and two daughters.

Longshore, R. Clide, Herkimer, was born in Canajoharie, Montgomery county, and received a good education in the schools of this vicinity. He has been connected with several prominent grocery houses in positions of trust and responsibility, and



from 1879 to 1883 was time-keeper for Morris Marks. After that, in 1883, he engaged with Frowse & Thomson, with whom he is at present engaged. Mr. Longshore was appointed some time ago to the position of town clerk, and at the following election received the Democratic nomination and election to this position, which he still holds. He is prominent in social and benevolent associations, being connected with the Red Men, K. P., O. U. A. M., A. O. U. W., O. U. F., Order of Aegis, and others.

Leigh, J. T., Little Falls, is a native of Toronto, Canada, but has lived nearly all his life in the United States. He began his business career as a book-keeper, spent some time in teaching, and was several years in the Little Falls National Bank. He entered upon his present business in 1887 and has managed it so successfully that he now runs the largest canal supply store between Syracuse and Albany, as well as being senior partner in the large grocery and meat firm of E. M. Walrath & Company on Ann street. Mr. Leigh has also been connected with other enterprises, and was some years secretary and treasurer of the Superior Furnace Company. He is a man of good business abilities and held a seat in the board of education of Little Falls for several years. He has also served as police and fire commissioner, notary public, etc.

Lewis, John, Schuyler, is a son of Harris Lewis, one of the prominent men of this State in the past generation. He was a member of Assembly in 1856-57, and was put forward by the Greenback party as their candidate for governor of the State. John Lewis was born in Schuyler, March 8, 1850, and has been recognized as one of the leading men of the town for many years. He owns a fine farm of 144 acres and has a dairy of forty-two cows. His buildings are commodious and modern, and his farm is one of the best kept in the county. In the year 1868 Mr. Lewis married Catharine Wilcox, and they have four children, two sons and two daughters, Harris, George, Libby and Emma. Mr. Lewis has never cared for public office, though he has served his party as assessor. He is a Republican and is a member of the Grange. His grandfather, Isaac, settled in Chenango county, where his father was born. Mr. Lewis is a man of strong genial personality, highly respected by all having his acquaintance.

Lints, Simon P., jr., Schuyler, was born April 4, 1857. He is one of the leading Democrats of Schuyler, and has been put in nomination by his party for supervisor. In 1881 he married Lillie Cramer. They are adherents of the Methodist church, in which church Mr. Lints sings. His father is Peter Lints and his grandfather had the same name. Mr. Lints is a practical cheese-maker and is also interested with his father in farming.

Loucks, William P., Dolgeville, was born in Manheim, July 23, 1823. His grandfather, Peter, was second lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, under Captain Fox, and participated at Oriskany, after which he settled in this town upon 200 acres of land. William P. Loucks' father (also named Peter) was a justice of the peace for forty years in Manheim, and town clerk for twenty-two years. Mr. Loucks himself has held the offices of assessor three years, commissioner of highways one term, inspec-



tor of elections, constable, etc. He married Ann Kelley and they have had three sons and two daughters.

Lewis, Marshall, German Flats, was born in the town of Oswego, N. Y., November 7, 1829. After teaching four terms in district schools and in Falley Seminary, he turned his attention to book-keeping and was engaged chiefly for seven years with a manufacturing firm in Fulton, N. Y., and for nearly twenty-five years in the office of the Armory and the Remington Agricultural Company in Ilion, N. Y. Mr. Lewis married first Miss C. M. Loomis, who left a daughter, Calista M. His present wife was Miss Mary Carter, whose three living children are Dana C., a physician; Victor C., employed in the lumber business; and a daughter, Jennie V. A third son, Almon M., died in 1877, aged fourteen years.

Limpert, John, Frankfort, was born in Ilion, November 8, 1855, he being the only son living of John and Rosa (Vogel) Limpert, of Ilion, both of whom were born in Germany, emigrating to this country in early life. They met in Herkimer and were there married. John Limpert came to Frankfort in the spring of 1882 and engaged in the clothing and gents' furnishing business. He was married in 1879 to Sarah E. Feasel, of Frankfort, and they have five children, J. Valentine, Anna Louisa, Sarah Elizabeth, G. Arthur, and Fred L.

Lehr, Gilbert N., M. D., Frankfort, was born in Oneida county, January 13, 1857. He was one of ten children of George and Catharine (Yordan) Lehr. George Lehr, the father, was born in Germany, and came to this country when twelve years of age. Catharine Yordan, the mother, was a descendant of the Holland Dutch, who emigrated and settled in the Mohawk Valley at an early day. Her father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and her mother was for many years a pensioner. Gilbert N. was educated at Union Free School, Boonville, at Whitestown Seminary, two courses medical department University of Michigan, and graduated at the University of New York city, with the class of 1880. He engaged in the practice of his profession for three years at Taberg, Oneida county, and in the spring of 1883 removed to Frankfort, where he has practiced since that time. He married September 16, 1880, Nellie G. Gue, of North Western, N. Y., one of four children of Jerome V. and Clara (Keech) Gue. They have one daughter, Sadie M.

Loomis, Watts T., Little Falls, is a native of Little Falls. He studied at Brown University, the Albany Law School, and with his father, and was admitted to the bar in 1856. He practiced law and civil engineering several years, but abandoned engineering when other matters became too pressing. He is a man of culture and refinement and one of the leading men in the county. He has never been an aspirant for political honors and has held no political offices, other than president of the village. He is and has always been a promoter of the enterprises connected with the improvement of the village in the construction of its mills, churches, bridges, water works, street lighting, the maintenance and care of its public parks and grounds and of all its important improvements. He is president of the Warrior Mower Company, the Superior Furnace Company, and the Electric and Power Company, and the proprietor of several mills. He is a Democrat in politics.

Lints, Alonzo M., Frankfort, was born in Frankfort, April 22, 1856; he was the only child of Jacob J. and Mary E. (Muckey) Lints, both natives of this town. His grandfather was Peter Lints; his great-grandfather emigrated to this country from Germany. Alonzo M. was married in 1879 to May A. Crosby, one of three children of W. W. and Marilda (Harris) Crosby, of Frankfort. He is one of the enterprising young men of the town; he has served as town clerk and trustee of the village and was village president in 1884. He has also been occupied as general foreman and inspector for State work and canal repairs.

Levee, Richard, Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, July 3, 1830, and like most young men in those days, worked summers and attended school winters, and on coming of age engaged in whatever occurred to make money at. In this way he gradually accumulated sufficient to start his trucking business, in which he has since been engaged. Mr. Levee has held the office of chief of the fire department for some years. He has also served the village as trustee two terms. He married a daughter of Peter Eysman, and they have two children, a son and a daughter. His son, who is in business with him, is also a popular and much respected citizen of the town.

Lanning, William B., Russia, was born in Russia, January 1, 1834, a son of John, whose father was Conrad, a native of New Jersey, who married Martha Van Horn, a native of Duaneburg, Schoharie county, N. Y., by whom he had ten children. In 1819 he came to Russia and settled on a farm, where he died in 1849, and his wife in 1844. John Lanning was born October 28, 1801, in Duaneburg. He married Betsy, daughter of John and Martha Forrest, natives of Ireland. Mr. Forrest was a glass-blower by trade and also a weaver. His children were: Mary, Betsy, William, John, Mark, James, Martha, Rosanah, Sallie and Rachel. The children of Mr. John Lanning and wife are: Martha, Rosanah, William and Mark. He died August 28, 1884, and his wife April 5, 1885. The subject of this sketch was educated at Cold Brook Select School, Prospect Academy and Fairfield Seminary. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school and continued for ten years. When he reached his majority he spent several months visiting in the west. He spent two years in Philadelphia in the cheese market for Edward Partridge. In 1859 he married Catherine, daughter of Hilliard Broadwell, a native of Vt., and after he married became a resident of Trenton Falls, N. Y. He was a millwright and put up the first Hinkley Mills, which he ran for two years. Mr. Lanning and wife had two children: John and Sarah. His wife died March 10, 1863, and he married for his second wife Ann McArthur a native of Russia, N. Y., by whom he had two children: Arthur and George. Mrs. Lanning's parents, Donald and Margaret McArthur, were natives of Scotland, who came in 1831 to Remsen, Oneida county, later removing to Russia. After the death of Mrs. McArthur, Mr. McArthur married Ann Morrison, by whom he had three sons and three daughters. He died November 18, 1873, and his wife in 1890. The parents of Ann Morrison were James and Ann Morrison, of Scotland. Mr. Lanning's second wife died October 17, 1869, and November 16, 1870, he married Mary McArthur, half sister to his second wife, by whom he had ten children: Mary A., William, Frank, Linus E., Helen, Edward, Florence, Jessie E., Ray M., and Bertha. Mr. Lanning has been a cheese-

maker many years. He was in the factory at Prospect one year. In 1869 he came to the farm where he now resides and has since been engaged in farming and cheese-making. He is a Democrat in politics and he has many times been inspector of elections, and has held other town offices. He is a member of Russia Grange, No. 630.

Morgan, Taylor W., Winfield, was born in Winfield, on the farm first settled by his father and grandfather, the latter one of the first settlers. Taylor W. was born May 26, 1816. He married Abigail, sister of Col. Alonzo Wood, and they have one son living, Kendrick E., vice-president and manager of the Morgan Storage and Warehouse Company, of Chicago. He was educated at the West Winfield Academy and at the Hungerford Collegiate Institute, at Adams, N. Y., read law with Burrows & Palmer, Little Falls, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar in 1876. Kendrick E. Morgan formed a partnership with Burrows & Palmer in 1876, and remained a member of that firm until July, 1888, when he went to St. Louis, and from there to Chicago, and is in business in both places. Alice L. Morgan was born June 16, 1844, and died April 18, 1863. She was educated at the West Winfield Academy, at the Whitestown Seminary, and at the Ladies Seminary at Hamilton. Kendrick E. Morgan married Amanda M., daughter of Mrs. R. A. Alden, of Little Falls.

Moon, William W., Newport, born April 20, 1843, in Cold Brook, N. Y., is a son of Jefferson Moon, who was a native of Petersburg, Rensselaer county, born November 26, 1801. His father died when he was ten years old, and he being the eldest, was obliged to support the family, and so his education was necessarily limited. August 13, 1820, he married Martha Philips. In 1822 he moved to Trenton, Oneida county, and purchased a farm known as the Camp Ground Farm, where he resided until 1833. He then went to Cold Brook, where he spent the remainder of his life. For some time he kept a hotel, was then in the distillery business, afterwards in the lumbering trade, and finally in cheese-box making. In 1863 he retired from business. He was a Whig and a Republican. He was justice of peace twenty-five years and justice of sessions many years. By his first wife, who died in 1853, he had eleven children. His second wife, Sophia Nelson, of Newport, died December 3, 1858. He died January 15, 1875. William W. was reared in Cold Brook and educated in the common schools and Fairfield Seminary. He taught school five years, was agent of Cold Brook Union store three years, and then engaged in the lumber trade with his brother Samuel three years. He and his brother then engaged in farming and dealing in cattle and horses. They are now extensive real estate owners in Herkimer county. On the 28th of January, 1866, he married Alice McVoy, of Grant, a daughter of Patrick and Deliah (Willoughby) McVoy, the former from Ireland, the latter of Newport, N. Y., a daughter of James Willoughby. Mr. and Mrs. Moon have two children, James W., of the firm of Forest & Moon, and Flora A. Mr. Moon is a Republican, and was supervisor five years, chairman of the board in 1879, and has been town clerk. He was one of the building committee of the County-House and one of the directors of the Poland National Bank.

Moors, Alfred A., M.D., Winfield, was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, August 6, 1832, a son of Isaac L. and Mary S. Moors. He was educated at West Winfield

Academy and at Pittsfield, Mass. He commenced reading medicine with Dr. J. M. Rose, of West Winfield, then with J. H. Childs, M.D., of Pittsfield, Mass. He attended lectures and graduated at the Memphis (Tenn.) Medical College, and commenced practice at Salisbury, Herkimer county, remaining three years, then moved to Medina, Orleans county, for two years. He next went to Cedarville and was there eight years, and came to West Winfield in 1868, where he has been in practice twenty-four years. He married December 2, 1856, Mary Jane, daughter of Atwater Cook, of Salisbury, Herkimer county, and they have two children living, James A. and Maud M. They have lost one son, Harry, who died February 26, 1865. Mary Jane (Cook) Moors died June 6, 1891.

McKee, Samuel, Winfield, son of James and Currence (Jackson) McKee, was born in Arlington, Vt., December 14, 1804, and settled in Winfield in March, 1826. He married Betsey C., daughter of Moses and Alice Eldred, in March, 1829. Their children are: Cornelia J. Smith, Flora F. Crandall, S. James McKee, of Danville, Ill., Myron A. McKee, cashier of Richfield Springs Bank, and Fannie A. Day. One daughter, Alice M. Houghton, died February 14, 1875. Samuel McKee held several town offices — inspector and commissioner of common schools, supervisor two terms, justice of the peace sixteen years, also vice-president and director of the West Winfield Bank several terms. He commenced in life a poor boy, has acquired a competence, and is now living a retired farmer in Winfield.

Morgan, Franklin Dwight, Winfield, was born in Winfield March 20, 1842, third son of Newton Americus Morgan, who was the second son of Ebenezer, who settled first on the Hugh Davis place. Newton Americus Morgan, the second son, married Harriet, oldest daughter of Dennis Philleo. They had seven children, Laura A., who died at eight years of age; Eliza Jane, Theresa, Milton Taylor. The family moved to what is known as the Deacon Eaton farm, where two sons were born, Henry Curtis and Franklin Dwight. He then bought of Squire Green what was called the old Joe Walker farm, and moved to that house, where another son, Newton Philleo, was born. Newton Americus Morgan died March 2, 1861, aged fifty-five years. Franklin Dwight Morgan married Rosa R. Harrison, of this town, daughter of Stephen Harrison, a native of England, August 29, 1864. In September, 1867, they bought and settled on a farm in Pulaski, town of Richland, Oswego county. They have had one son, Frankie A. S., born November 21, 1867, who died August 18, 1875, in Pulaski, where he was born. The parents since the spring of 1880 have rented their Pulaski farm, and have lived at and near Winfield. Mr. F. D. Morgan was superintendent of the Unadilla Valley Stock Farm from April, 1890, to March, 1892, when he gave up farming, and bought and settled in the Ira Walker house in West Winfield. He is now engaged in the livery business in West Winfield near the Cottage Hotel.

Montgomery, William K., Winfield, was born in Fairfield, Vt., in 1832, and came to Winfield in 1862. He is by trade a carpenter and joiner, and has built many fine buildings. He is also a farmer in East Winfield. He was drafted in the late war and paid \$300 for a substitute. He was a son of Cyril Montgomery, of Fairfield, Vt., and he is a son of William, a prominent man, a large land owner and capitalist. He was

one of the stockholders and main movers in the "Old Cherry Valley Turnpike." He settled in this town about 1800. William K. Montgomery married in 1848 Juliette, daughter of Hiram Burgess, of this town, who was also a thrifty farmer, quite an extensive hop-grower and dairyman. They have six children: John C. F., Rosie M., Edwin D., Lee L., Mary B. and Nettie M. They have lost one, Louisa A., who died March 18, 1880, aged sixteen years.

Marshall, Dolphus S., Winfield, dealer in boots, shoes and rubbers, born in Litchfield July 4, 1836. He was a son of Charles Marshall, a native of Vermont, born August 21, 1798, settled here when a boy, and lived there until his death, February 28, 1870. Dolphus Marshall married Caroline E., daughter of Harry Hadley, who was a son of William Hadley, one of the first settlers of Litchfield. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have one child living, Mary J. Dolphus S. Marshall enlisted in the late war August 1, 1862, in Company B, 121st N. Y. Vols., and was discharged June 20, 1865, at the close of the war.

McGowan, Captain James, Litchfield, who is serving his second term as assessor of the town of Litchfield, has also held the offices of collector and overseer of the poor. He enlisted in Company E., 152d N. Y. Vols., September 6, 1862, as a private, and was promoted from orderly sergeant to first lieutenant, and then to captain of the same company and regiment. He served as captain until his discharge at the end of his service, July 14, 1865. He was born August 4, 1841, and settled in Litchfield in 1847, and on December 25, 1865, on the farm where he now lives. In 1881 he married Gordena Maxwell. They have three children, Mary Charlott, Florence Grace and William Delano. Mrs. McGowan was born in Scotland June 18, 1848, and came to this town in 1853, to the same house where she now lives.

Millington, Dr. Stephen R., Russia, was born near Russia village, February 9, 1826, a son of Richard and Matilda (Robbins) Millington. Richard was the only son of Deacon Nathan Millington, one of the first settlers, for many years a justice, supervisor of the town and prominent in all local affairs. Richard was the second male child born in Russia. Matilda was the oldest daughter of Reuben Robbins, esq., of Cold Brook. Both died the same week, in January, 1881, at the home of their son, Stephen P., aged eighty-one and eighty years respectively. Another son, Nathan R., died at Holland Patent in 1872, aged fifty years. An adopted daughter, Sarah L., is the wife of Dr. J. L. Seavey, of Poland. Stephen R. attended district school and entered Fairfield Academy; during the winters of 1842-3-4 he was in school, then he taught district school several terms. In 1845 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Walter Booth, of Russia. He attended lectures at Albany and at the Geneva Medical College, graduating at Geneva in the winter of 1847 and 1848. In 1848 he married Ada R. Walker, daughter of E. N. Walker, who died in July, 1852. In 1853 he married Harty L. Lamberson, of Salisbury, daughter of Charles and Sarah Lamberson, and they have one son, Charles S. He practiced medicine thirteen years in Norway, where he was elected town clerk, school commissioner, supervisor, and to the Assembly in 1859 and 1860. He moved to Poland in 1860, and continued the practice of medicine until 1872. In the fall of 1872 he, with others, established a bank in Poland, and gave the business

much of his personal attention. In 1880 he took an active part in the building of the Herkimer, Newport and Poland railroad, and continued as vice-president of the company until the road was sold and extended—now the Adirondack and St. Lawrence railroad. Charles S. married Allie, a daughter of J. R. Webster, in 1878, and they have three children: Maud, Harty and Ada. In 1872 he was made cashier of the first bank organized in Poland; has taken the active management of the business, and is now the cashier of the National Bank of Poland.

McChesney, H., is a native and life-long resident of Little Falls and has spent a long and active life at the blacksmith's forge. The result of fifty-seven years' industry is that he has secured to himself a comfortable competency and is able in his later years to live free from care and enjoy his well-earned repose. He is a man of fine intellect, considering his opportunities, and has always been highly thought of in Little Falls. He was a member of the Fire department for sixteen years and was a Democrat until 1856, since which time he has been a Republican. He has two sons, Earl McChesney and Robert, the latter deceased. Earl is an engineer on the New York Central and Robert was a conductor for twelve years on the same line.

Morse, William H., Norway, was born in Lewis county, October 17, 1842. His father was Nathaniel Morse, a son of William Morse, a son of Tankard Morse. The latter was a native of Germany and when a child came to this country with his parents. When seven years old the family was captured by the Indians. He and his sister were saved, but they witnessed the massacre of their parents. Some years afterwards Tankard was stolen from the Indians by a white man, who gave to him his own name, Tankard. Mr. Morse was married, had four sons and died in Norway in 1830. Mr. Morse was born in Chatham in 1786 and married Lydia Bunnell of Ohio, born 1788. They had five children. Mrs. Morse died and Mr. Morse married Ann Cook, and they had five children. Mrs. Morse died February 11, 1835, and Mr. Morse in 1869. Nathaniel Morse was born in Ohio and came to Norway when a boy with his parents. He married Eliza Wilcox, of Westerly, R. I., born 1813, one of five children of Parker and Mary (Clauson) Wilcox, who bore him one son and four daughters. Mr. Morse died September 19, 1883, and his wife, who is seventy-nine years of age, resides with subject. W. H. Morse was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and in Fairfield Academy. October 31, 1867, he married Nancy B. Collins, of Russia, born May 18, 1843, a daughter of Benjamin and Almira Collins. Mr. Collins was a farmer. He was assessor and held minor offices. He died in 1873 and his wife in 1883. To subject and wife were born one son, Al son D., who resides with his parents, and one daughter, Mary, who is now Mrs. Frank Nethaway, of Norway. She has two children, Nellie and Almira. Mr. Morse is a Republican and has been assessor seven years. His wife is a member of the M. E. church.

McArthur, Daniel, Russia, was born in Russia, July 9, 1851, a son of Donald McArthur, a native of Nairnshire, Scotland, born in 1793, who married Ann Rollo, a native of Scotland. They had one son and two daughters. In 1830 Mr. McArthur and family came to America and settled at Rensselaer, Oneida county, and after nine years moved to the farm now owned by Daniel. Here he spent the remainder of his life. Mrs.

McArthur died in 1841 and he married second, Margaret Rollo, a twin sister of his first wife, and to them one daughter was born. She died in 1846, and he married third, Ann Morrison, a native of Aberdeenshire, Scotland by whom he had three sons and three daughters. Mr. McArthur was a mason and builder by trade, but followed farming. He was a Democrat and was assessor twelve years, and was also a Free Mason. He died November 17, 1875, and his wife December 6, 1890. The subject of this sketch has always resided on the farm where he was born. He was educated in the common schools and the Union School at Holland Patent. In 1876 Daniel McArthur married Rachel, daughter of Henry and Christina Fisher, of Ohio, N. Y., and they have had three children: Nellie E., William and Frank, all residing at home. Mr. McArthur keeps a large dairy and also owns a cheese factory, and makes about 67,000 pounds of cheese annually. He is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church of Ohio.

McCammon George W., Manheim, was born October 25, 1808, in Albany, N. Y. He received a liberal education in the schools of that city, after which he clerked in the Troy Iron and Nail factory for six years. At twenty-one years of age he was engaged for five years in Orange county as book-keeper at Cornwall Cotton factory; was appointed second officer of the steamer "North America," and two years afterwards was engaged in smelting ore in Canada, in connection with a Mr. Townsend, under the firm name of Townsend & McCammon. In 1839 he purchased his farm of 133 acres, near Little Falls, upon which he has since lived. Squire McCammon has held the office of justice of the peace and was appointed by the governor inspector of turnpikes in Herkimer, which position he held for thirty years. Mr. McCammon married Miss Mariah Cook and has eight children living.

McChesney, Robert D., Russia, was born February 27, 1836, in Little Falls, and is a son of Robert, whose grandfather was a native of Connecticut, of Scotch descent. He was killed in a powder-mill. He had eight children. Robert was born in Scotland. His wife was Betsy Swift, a native of Connecticut, by whom he had two sons. By a previous marriage Mr. McChesney had fifteen children. He lived at Fall Hill several years, and he died in Paine's Hollow in 1839, and his wife in 1870. Robert D. was reared on a farm until twenty-five years of age, when he learned the carpenter trade, which he has since followed. His brother William is a minister in the Methodist Protestant church in Minnesota, where he has resided twenty-seven years. In 1868 Robert D. McChesney married Esther Mykel, a native of Grant, and they have had three children. Frank, aged twenty-two years, is a telegraph operator and resides in Pennsylvania; James C., aged nineteen years, works in Little Falls. In 1888 Mr. McChesney married second, Lucy, a daughter of Daniel Garlock, of Cold Brook. At the age of nine years he came with his mother to Grant, and has since resided here, being now the only resident of the village that was living in it when he came to it in 1845 to live with his mother. Subject is a Democrat in politics and a deacon in the Free Will Baptist church.

Myers, F. H., Herkimer, is a native of Herkimer and has lived all his life on the old homestead, which he now owns. It consists of nearly 200 acres and a dairy of thirty-



five cows, while he raises yearly about eighty to one hundred. His father was George H. Myers, who was also a native of this town. His great-grandfather took part in the Revolution as patriot. In January, 1892, Mr. Myers married Miss Maude Arnold, daughter of the late D. B. Arnold of Fairfield, N. Y. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the grange and the Odd Fellows.

Mabbett, Smith E., Mohawk, has been identified with the business interests of Mohawk for many years, twenty-five of which he has been interested in the hotel here. He died in 1889. His widow now conducts the hotel assisted by her son. Charles P. Mabbett is practically the manager of the house for her, and has good business ability. Mrs. M. L. Mabbett's other son, Frank W., is also a representative citizen. Mrs. Mabbett is a thorough American woman, who deserves great credit for keeping her family together and continuing the business here.

Mitchell, Edwin B., Herkimer, attorney at law, Herkimer, is a native of Oneida county, N. Y., and was educated at Fairfield Seminary and at Falley Seminary, Fulton, N. Y. He studied law with Adams & Swan in Utica, and was admitted to the bar in 1876. In 1878 he came to Herkimer and formed a partnership with E. A. Brown, which existed until January 1, 1886. He was elected police justice in 1887 and was twice re-elected. He has been a member of the Board of Education six years and also justice of the peace. He is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Mitchell married Henrietta N. Townsend, daughter of H. Townsend of Utica, who is a scion of an old English family.

Mather, J., Fairfield is one of the oldest and best known residents of the town of Fairfield. His early business years were spent in mercantile lines, and the last twenty-two in managing his own and other dairy farms, amounting to 650 acres and 126 cows. He was postmaster at Fairfield for twelve years under Presidents Van Buren, Pierce and Buchanan. In 1844 he married Eliza Jones, and they have three children living, Albert B., Fred D., and Maria L. Mather. His father, Moses Mather, was instrumental in founding the Fairfield Academy, and Mr. Mather was its treasurer for twenty years, and an active trustee for about forty years.

Mosher, W. W., Fairfield, is a native of Oppenheim, Fulton county, born January 19, 1831. He came to Middleville at the age of seventeen and began life as a clerk. To-day he is a man of wealth and influence. In 1853 he embarked in the mercantile business, which he followed up to a year ago. For the past ten years he has been actively engaged in the quarry business which is very extensive. He is a thirty-two degree Mason and an active Democrat. He was supervisor of Fairfield four consecutive terms, and president of the Board of Education, which position he filled for years. In 1854 he married the daughter of Walter Griswold, and has two daughters, Mrs. H. E. Jackson and Mrs. D. G. Jackson of Middleville.

Molineux, Frank M., Fairfield, is a native of Middleville, and at the age of sixteen went to London, England, to learn the trade of painter. He remained in England six years and then returned to Middleville and embarked in business for himself and does the painting for this part of the county including all of that for the railroad. He is a



Republican and an adherent of the Episcopal church of which his wife is a member. In 1882 Mr. Molineux married Miss Emily Clarke of Sheffield, England, and they have a family of four children. His father is engineer in the Middleville tannery and is an Englishman by birth.

May, Willian, Fairfield, is a native of England, and was born December 12, 1836. He came to America in 1851 and settled in Lockport. He first farmed for five years and then came to Fairfield. After which he returned to England, where he remained one year. He then came to Middleville and embarked in the meat business, which he has since successfully conducted. He is a Mason and is popular socially. Mr. May has been twice married, his first wife being Ellen (Robbins) May of Middleville. They had two daughters, both married and living in Ohio. His second wife was Mary Stewart, born in Ireland; one son.

Muckey, Warner, Frankfort, the only son of eight children born to Jasper and Eve (Lints) Muckey, was born in Frankfort October 22, 1844. March 4, 1862, he married Emma Slomaker of Frankfort, one of three children of Daniel E. and Elizabeth (Cummins) Slomaker. They have two children living, Millie and Alonzo. Mr. Muckey has been in business in Frankfort during the past nine years, his present place of business being known as the Imperial Hotel, No. 71 Main street, a fine building which was erected in 1889 by Wallace Crosby.

Morgan, A. D., German Flats, is a native of Ilion and was born December 6, 1859. He studied law with J. P. Rafter and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He opened an office in Ilion in 1883 but did not practice long as he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland in 1885. On the expiration of his term in 1889, Mr. Morgan engaged in the coal, flour and feed business in Ilion, which he has since carried on. He is, also, president of the Broomhall Milling and Malting Company, of Mohawk. He married Miss Anna Chattaway in 1885 and they have one son. Mr. Morgan's father was Amos A. Morgan, well-known in Ilion in his day. He was one of the oldest residents of this place, having been born here in 1823, at which time the place was called Morgan's Landing, after his father's family. He died January 31, 1891.

McEvoy, Hon. P. H., Little Falls, was born in Ireland about thirty-seven years since and came to this country when quite young, and settled in the town of Salisbury. His early days were spent working for farmers in the town of Fairfield. His early education was obtained in the district schools of the county by doing chores for his board in the winters and attending school, and working out summers. Subsequently he attended school at Fairfield Seminary for six years and paid his tuition by working out for the farmers during vacation. He graduated in the five year course in 1868 and was valedictorian of the class. In the fall of 1868 he commenced the study of law in the office of Messrs. Hardin & Burrows (Mr. Hardin has been presiding judge of the General Term for many years). He taught school in the "Old Brick Schoolhouse" on the creek road, near Herkimer, that winter, and in October, 1869, was admitted to the bar. He soon after moved to St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, at the invitation of Hezakiah Baker, who was district attorney of Montgomery county, to help him as dis-

trict attorney, and remained there about one year. He afterwards made a complete course of philosophy, moral and dogmatic theology at the University of Niagara. At an early age he espoused the principles of the Republican party and in every important election since 1868 stumped the county for the party, and frequently spoke in other parts of the State for the state committee. He grew rapidly in public appreciation as a speaker and leader with the result that he was sent to the Legislature in 1887 by the unprecedented majority of 1,804, and in 1888 the Democrats nominated no one against him. While there he gained distinction for carrying through the celebrated elevator bill, that settled the important fact that the legislature has a right to say what charge corporations shall make for their public services. It has been contested in every court and recently pronounced constitutional by the United States Supreme Court. It had been introduced in the Legislature every year for the past eighteen years but never passed before. He is actively engaged in the practice of law at Little Falls.

Mitchell, Thomas H., German Flats, is a native of England and was a steel spindle maker there. He spent two and one-half years in Russia and subsequently came to America in 1879. He worked in a rolling mill in Michigan, and for eight and one half years in the Remington Gun Works. He has lived in Ilion twelve years. He is proprietor of the Commercial Hotel. In 1870 Mr. Mitchell married Miss Mary J. Cheetham. Mr. Mitchell's father, John C. Mitchell, is eighty-six years of age and lives with him.

Murray Brothers, Little Falls. The firm of Murray Bros. consists of P. W. and James J. Murray, natives of Salisbury, Herkimer county. They established business in Little Falls in 1887, conducting a reputable liquor business. P. W. Murray was born December 18, 1861. He received a liberal education in Fairfield Seminary, to which village his father's family had removed from Salisbury in 1868, after which he taught school eight terms and clerked in a grocery store for five years. His brother, James J. Murray, was born July 8, 1855. He is equal owner in the establishment with P. W. They are both identified with local institutions, such as Erina Fire Company, etc.

Monroe, Thomas M., Herkimer, was born in Utica, N. Y. His father came to this country from Scotland when the subject of this sketch was but a child and settled in Utica. Thomas M. Monroe was one of twelve children. After receiving an excellent education in the public schools of this vicinity, he engaged in the manufacture of cotton in Greene county until the outbreak of the war when he entered the naval service under Dupont at Hilton Head. In 1864 he re-enlisted in the Sixty-First Massachusetts, Company D, and participated in many battles and skirmishes. He was mustered out in June, 1865. Mr. Monroe is an active and prominent member of the G. A. R. and also of the Masonic fraternity. He is engaged in the wholesale bottling traffic, his goods being sold throughout the State. His wife was Miss Amanda J. Lewis of this State. He has two sons, both engaged with him in business.

Marcy, Stoops, Russia, was born in Russia, July 28, 1828, a son of Alpheus Marcy, a native of Connecticut, who came to Trenton and in 1828 moved to Russia. In

Trenton he married Harriet Barrows, a native of Connecticut, by whom he had four sons and three daughters. He died in 1882 at the age of ninety-three and his wife died in the same year aged eighty-four. The father of Alpheus Marcy lived and died in Connecticut. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Marcy was Lemuel Barrows, a native of Connecticut, and one of the pioneers of Trenton. In his day he was offered land for \$1.25 where the city of Utica now stands. He died in Trenton, on the farm he settled, at the age of ninety. His wife was Miss Stoops, a native of Connecticut. Mr. Marcy married Betsey, a daughter of Charles Prindle, a son of Joseph Prindle, a native of Massachusetts and one of the first settlers of Russia. Charles Prindle was born in Russia. His wife was Clara Smith, by whom he had one daughter, the wife of subject. Mr. Marcy and wife have three children: Phares, a farmer in Russia; Sherman, a minister in the Baptist Church, who resides near New York City and is a graduate of Hamilton College; and Jennie, who lives at home. Mr. Marcy owns 345 acres of land, is a breeder of South-down sheep and is the most extensive sheep dealer in Russia. He is a Democrat and member of M. E. church.

Moore, Milo, Russia, was born in Russia August 7, 1839, son of Orson and Thirza (Salisbury) Moore, whose children were Sarah A. (deceased), wife of Hon. Daniel Northrop; Jane E. (deceased), Lyman (deceased), John (deceased), Thirza (deceased), Loretta (deceased), Miles and Eliza, wife of Edwin Knight, and Milo. Milo attended district school until seventeen years of age, when he entered Fairfield Seminary. At nineteen he commenced teaching, which he followed for six winters. When twenty-six years of age he traveled through the West. From 1866 to 1867 he followed cheese-making. January 6, 1870, he married Mary C., daughter of William and Susan (Millington) Buck, and has four children, William B., Jennie G., George O. and Charles M. He is a Republican, and has been overseer of the poor, town clerk and justice of the peace for the past sixteen years, and supervisor in 1881-82 and 1892. Orson was born in Brookfield, Mass., in August, 1801. He was justice of the peace sixteen terms, supervisor three years and a member of the Legislature in 1862. He died November 27, 1881, and his wife, Thirza, died in 1842. In 1843 he married Matilda Salisbury, a sister of his former wife. He was the father of eight children. His grandfather, Thomas Moore, was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War.

McKenna, John, Herkimer, son of Alexander McKenna, is a native of the village of Herkimer, and was born November 10, 1821. He received his education in the schools of that time in the village and in Fairfield Seminary. He has been a farmer all his life. He has 193 acres of land used for dairy purposes and has a herd of twenty-three cows and raises about 100 tons of hay yearly. Mr. McKenna married Elizabeth Burlingham, and they have a family of seven children, Charles, Irving, Harry, Lizzie, Dora, John A. and Morell. He is of Scotch descent.

Nichols, C. W., M.D. Fairfield, is a native of Fairfield and studied medicine at Albany. He graduated in 1889 and began practice in Fairfield village. The Nichols family came to this country from Rhode Island. The grandfather of Dr. Nichols was Horace Nichols. His father was Caleb Nichols. All the family were farmers down to

Dr. Nichols. Horace Nichols's grandfather settled in Providence, R. I., before the Revolutionary War. In 1875 Dr. Nichols married Miss Elizabeth Stevens, and they have four children, three sons and one daughter. Dr. Nichols is a Republican and a member of the State Medical Society.

Nichols, H. C., Norway, was born in Norway September 6, 1845. His father was Joseph Nichols, son of Horace Nichols, of Rhode Island, born in 1794. His wife was Phoebe Bly, born in Rhode Island in 1799. They had six children. Horace died January 31, 1875, and his wife died in 1834. Joseph Nichols was born in Norway in 1819, and married Louisa Handy, who bore him five children. Louisa Handy Nichols was a native of Salisbury. She died in 1859, and Mr. Nichols married Anna Hughes, who had three children. Mr. Nichols's third wife was Silva Bell, and by her he had two children. H. C. Nichols was reared on a farm and educated in common schools and in Fairfield Seminary. In 1869 he married Libbie Johnston, daughter of Charles and Rachel (Emery) Johnston of Openheim, who bore him three children, namely: Alice I., Edith L. and Homer J. Mr. Nichols followed farming a short time, but for many years has manufactured cheese. For the last fifteen years he has been in the Norway cheese factory. He is a Republican, and has been excise commissioner a number of terms and is now justice of the peace. He is a Baptist.

Newberry, Samuel H., Little Falls, school commissioner. Important as are the industrial, mercantile and professional avocations that constitute the commercial life and wealth of the nation, they are less paramount than the educational interests of the people, for upon these a foundation of our moral and social systems are built. The schools of Herkimer county are admittedly equal to the best anywhere in the Union similarly located, and much of this excellence is due to the thorough and intelligent oversight which supervises, directs and governs them. Mr. Samuel H. Newberry, the school commissioner of the first district, is especially worthy of mention for the great zeal and enthusiasm, as well as high intelligence, with which he performs the duties of his responsible office, and in committing upon the school system and schools of Herkimer county more than passing mention is due and is accorded to him. Samuel H. Newberry is a native of the town of Newport, Herkimer county, and after receiving a thorough education entered the teaching profession, and during four years of active life as a teacher he attained a high standard and an enviable reputation in his profession. In 1887 he was elected school commissioner for three years, and was re-elected in 1890, a proof of his popularity and fitness for the office, to which he devotes all the energies of a superior and earnest mind.

Newell, J. R., Little Falls, one of the leading dealers in grocers' supplies, wall papers, stationery, etc., in Little Falls, is a native of Oneida county, N. Y. After receiving a thorough public school education he began his business career as a book-keeper. Previous to embarking in his present enterprise he was a clerk in the National Herkimer County Bank. He began his present business January 1, 1891, and on July 1 of the same year formed a partnership with J. C. Bellinger, which still exists. Mr. Newell has been village treasurer of Little Falls, and is highly regarded by all the business men of the county. Socially he is also well known, and belongs to the Royal Arcanum, in which he is a past regent, and has had all the honors of the society.

Newth, N. J., German Flats, was born in Littlefield May 10, 1840. He enlisted in the Eighth New York Cavalry August 11, 1862, and served three years. After the war he went into the hat-bleaching business in Troy, N. Y. In 1874 he came to Ilion, embarked in the hardware business, which is still continued by him. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and trustee, for seven years superintendent of its Sunday-school and a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Prohibitionist. In 1878 Mr. Newth married Miss Ophelia E. Smith, of Troy, and they have three children, one son and two daughters.

Newman, Milton J., Fairfield, is a native of Boonville and was born December 9, 1845. He has been a farmer nearly all his life. He now works 300 acres, stocked with a herd of fifty cows, and has been on the place nine years. He is one of the leading tenant farmers of Herkimer county. In 1870 Mr. Newman married Savilla E. Du Bois. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Knights of Honor. His grandfather was a native of Manheim, and his grandfather, Peter Newman, took part in the war of 1812.

Newell, Selim, Little Falls, was born in New England, from where his father removed to New York State when Selim was but a child. His earlier years were spent upon a farm, and about 1852 he established himself in the general mercantile line of dry goods, groceries, grist and saw-mills, etc., with which Mr. Newell has since been identified. He located in Little Falls in 1868, and conducts both a wholesale and retail business. He is ably assisted by his sons, who are prominent in the best social and political circles of the village. Mr. Newell married Miss Fanny B. Barnum, by whom he has four children, all sons. He is a prominent member of the Methodist church and is much respected and esteemed throughout this vicinity.

Nelson, Edwin J., Newport, was born in Little Falls February 11, 1855, a son of Henry C. and Gertrude A. (Wemple) Nelson, the former a resident and native of Little Falls and the latter of Manheim. In 1849 Henry and his brother, William Nelson, started in the mercantile business in Little Falls under the firm name of H. C. & W. Nelson. Later Edwin J. was admitted as a partner, continuing until the death of William Nelson, February 19, 1881, when for two years he conducted the business, when he sold a part interest to W. A. Pepper, the firm being E. J. Nelson & Company. In 1885 Edwin J. sold his interest, and in 1886 he, in company with William F. Lansing, bought the property and started the knitting-mill under the firm name of Nelson & Lansing. This continued until 1890, when Edwin's mother and two brothers, Arnold and Seymour, moved to Middleville, where Mrs. Nelson died April 11, 1892. Her children were Edwin J., Carrie, wife of William Peter (she afterward married Frank Thomas); Emma, wife of S. W. Dillenbeck; Seymour and Arnold. Henry C., their father, died November 25, 1876.

Newman, Horace S., Russia, was born in Russia March 16, 1848, a son of Sylvester B., who was a son of Ebenezer Newman. The latter was born in Salem, Westchester county, in 1780. February 7, 1805, he married Lydia Taylor, a native of Reading, Conn., born December 4, 1785, by whom he had seven sons and five daughters. Mr. Newman was a farmer. About 1807 he came to Russia, settled on the royal grant and

there lived and died January 9, 1865. He was drafted in the war of 1812. He and his wife were Baptists. She died February 11, 1865. Sylvester Newman was born December 22, 1817, in Russia. He married October 7, 1838, Sallie A. Pettingill, a native of Brookfield, Oneida county, by whom he had two sons and one daughter, Emma J., Morris and Horace. Mrs. Newman died April 6, 1864, and Mr. Newman married second Sarah C. Crittenden, a native of Massachusetts. She died November 12, 1872. Mr. Newman is a farmer and a Republican. He is a member of Northern Light Lodge, No. 464, of Poland. Horace S. was educated in the common schools. March 13, 1873, he married Emma J., a daughter of Henry L. and Sarah C. Crittenden, of Conway, Mass., who came to Herkimer county about 1854. Mr. Crittenden enlisted in the 121st New York Infantry and was killed at Chancellorsville in 1863. They had three daughters and one son. The subject and wife have three children, Edgar H., Fred S. and Lulu S. He has been a farmer and a butcher, but at present is engaged in farming exclusively. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. of Poland, No. 183, and is a Republican. Morris Newman enlisted in the First Berdan's Sharp Shooters, Company B. He died December 25, 1863.

Carpenter, James O., Russia, was born in Copenhagen, Lewis county, June 24, 1836. His father was John, a son of John, who was a native of Massachusetts, born May 9, 1773, and who married Thankful Fish, a native of Massachusetts, born in 1772. They had five children. Mr. Carpenter came to Russia, where he died, in 1809, and his wife in 1845. John Carpenter, jr., was born June 17, 1804. During the last twenty-one years of his life he was a Baptist minister, and with the exception of one year, preached in Russia. December 31, 1829, he married Helen H. Overton, a native of Long Island, born in 1808, and a daughter of Joel and Navina (Wells) Overton. Mr. Carpenter and wife had three sons and four daughters. He died April 16, 1847, and Mrs. Carpenter for the last twenty years has resided with her son, James O. The latter was educated in the common schools and in the select schools under Prof. Smart of Russia Corners. At the age of fifteen he began as a drover for Frank and Henry Stanton, and clerked for them, was with them sixteen years; he then conducted a meat market at Holland Patent for four years; then he took charge of the Union store at Russia for four years. One summer was spent at Cold Brook closing out stock of goods and the following winter he was in Carthage. In 1883 Mr. Carpenter went to Grant, N. Y., and engaged in the general mercantile business, in which he has been successful. February 17, 1892, he married Margaret B., daughter of Peter Smith, of Russia. Mr. Carpenter is a Democrat and was supervisor in 1884-87-91. He was postmaster of Grant during Cleveland's administration and is now notary public. He is one of the oldest Masons in Russia, is a member of Remsen lodge No. 677, F. and A. M., also a member of the Equitable Aid Union of Grant.

Onyaus, William, German Flats, was born in England, November 20, 1832, and learned there the trade of gun barrel roller. He came to Springfield, Mass., in 1858, and during the war had charge of the rolling department of the government gun shops there. He came to the Remington gun works after, where he has been ever since. He is one of the most noted men in his line in the world. He was once sent to Liege, in

Belgium, to superintend gun-making. Mr. Onyaus has been a Mason over thirty years and a Republican all his life. He married Harriet Langton and has a son, William Langton. Mr. Onyaus married second Adeline M., daughter of Charles Graham, of Whitesboro.

O'Brien, M. G., Ilion, was born in Troy, N. Y., September 1, 1846, and after graduating at St. John's College, Fordham, N. Y., he entered the wholesale grocery house of Knapp & Walradt in Troy. He afterwards was three years surveying for the Iron Mountain Railroad company in Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. In 1874 he located at Ilion, and was connected with the Remington armory for twelve years. In 1879 he established the insurance and real estate business, which he still successfully conducts. Was elected justice of the peace in 1880 for four years, and elected police justice in 1892. Mr. O'Brien is an earnest Republican in politics. He is executor for several estates and has a high reputation. In 1886 Mr. O'Brien married Miss Nellie H. Ryan, of Ilion. They have two sons and one daughter.

Osgood, Josiah S., German Flats, was born in Mohawk, March 29, 1828, and was clerking in a grocery business when ten years old. He then went to New York and was in the hotel business for eight years. He returned to Mohawk and was in business for several years. In 1852 he took an interest in the Osgood House in Ilion, but in 1870 he gave up the business, since which time he has lived retired. He married Fannie Jones. His business operations were very successful, and he retired in 1870.

Osterhout, S., German Flats, was born in German Flats, October 1, 1845. He has been connected with farming nearly all his life and is now one of the prominent small fruit growers of the State. His father was Daniel Osterhout, and his grandfather, John, came from Germany. His grandfather, on his mother's side, was a Revolutionary soldier. In 1869 Mr. Osterhout married Abbie Silliman, and they have two daughters, Mary and Kate. He grows about 50,000 quarts of strawberries annually.

Onuf, Dr. B., Dolgeville, was born in Jennisseisk, Siberia, July 4, 1863. He was educated in the schools of Zurich, Switzerland, and graduated in medicine in 1884, after which he studied eye diseases eight months at the Eye Clinic, Zurich. The doctor was engaged in the practice of his profession for six years prior to coming to this country, being for two and a half years upon the staff of physicians attached to an insane asylum. After this he became physician on the Rotterdam-Lloyd line of steamers in the East Indies, also on the Trans-Atlantic lines. In September of 1890 he settled in Dolgeville, where he is building up an extensive practice. The doctor's sister is a German teacher in the Dolgeville school and academy.

Owens, Hugh R., Winfield, mason, contractor and builder, has erected some of the finest buildings in this vicinity, including the Baptist church of this place, the First National Bank at Richfield Springs, also a number of fine residences, among which is Cashier McKee's house, at the same place, and a number of residences of this and surrounding towns. He was born in Wales in 1851. In 1862 he commenced his apprenticeship, finished in 1866, and worked there then as superintendent on contracts for his father (Robert R. Owens), also a contractor and builder. April 6, 1869, Hugh R. came



to America and settled in Fair Haven, Vt., where he engaged in the same business with his brother. In 1871 he came to Utica. In 1873 he went to Plainfield, and engaged in the same business there. In 1878 he settled in West Winfield, and has been in business here since that time. He married Katie Hughes, September 9, 1875, and they have two children: Fred T. and Herbert E. Mrs. Katie Owens is a daughter of Thomas Hughes, of Plainfield, Otsego county.

Popple, Roswell H., Russia, was born in Russia, October 29, 1845, a son of James, who was a son of William, a native of Rhode Island, born May 18, 1768. The latter married first, Rachael Frink, also a native of Rhode Island, by whom he had eight children: Zachariah, Daniel, Roswell, William, John, Amy, Lydia and Esther. Mr. Popple came to Russia about 1800 and settled one mile west of Grant, near the twin rock bridge. He was at one time assessor, and died in Russia, April 13, 1856. He was offered land where Utica now stands (then a vast swamp, with one log cabin on Corn Hill,) at \$2.50 per acre. His second marriage was with Catherine Tompkins, of Norway, by whom he had one child, James. His second wife died June 8, 1852. James Popple was born August 20, 1817, and his life was spent on the farm settled by his father. He married Ann Eliza Garlock, born in Montgomery county, March 9, 1816, a daughter of Philip Garlock. Their children were Ann Elizabeth, Emily, Matilda, Roswell H., Lydia, Louisa, William and Alma Eliza, all now living. Mr. Popple followed surveying for many years. In politics he was a Democrat, and for many years was assessor and constable. He died March 13, 1868, and his wife March 24, 1880. Roswell H. is a farmer, a Democrat, and one of the leaders of his party, always taking an active part in elections, and has been inspector, census enumerator, school trustee, and is now secretary of the Grange at Grant, No. 692. For the past five years he has been agent for Listers, of Newark, N. J., the largest manufacturers of fertilizers in the country. February 2, 1882, he married Diana (Rathbun) Gray, daughter of William Gray, an early settler of Remsen, Oneida county. Mr. Popple and wife had four children; Annie, Lydia, Willie and Charles. Annie, the only one living, was born June 17, 1883. July 2, 1889, Mrs. Popple died, and July 30, 1890, he married second, Jennie, daughter of Caleb Nichols, a son of Morey Nichols, an early settler of Remsen. Caleb married Ellen Hughes, and had a son and a daughter. They live in Remsen. Mr. Popple is a Democrat and has been inspector of elections. He was drafted in the late war, but did not serve on account of disability. He is a member of Grange No. 692 of Grant. The father of the subject, James, was the most reliable surveyor of these parts, and his lines and maps are now eagerly sought for.

Pryne, P., M. D., Herkimer. The Pryne family settled in Albany as early as 1661, and their descendants participated in the Revolution. Dr. P. Pryne's ancestors were Frans Jansen Pryne, who settled in Albany in 1661. Frans Pryne, jr., born in Albany September 23, 1683; David, Frans, jr.'s son; Peter Pryne, David's son; then Frans P. Pryne, who was the father of the subject of this sketch. Dr. P. Pryne was born June 20, 1820, and educated at the schools of Rome and Frankfort. He commenced the study of his profession with Dr. Arba Blair, and continued with Dr. Doolittle. He graduated at Geneva Medical College in 1844, and commenced practice in Herkimer in



1845. In 1860 he was appointed physician to Sing Sing prison and continued there until 1872, when he returned to Herkimer and practically retired from his profession. He has the finest private geological specimens in the country. He is quoted in English journals as an authority. He married for his first wife Miss Jane Byers, by whom he had two children. His second wife was Miss Mary C. Weber. They have no children. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

Prowse, Wm. H., Herkimer, senior member of the firm of Prowse & Thomson, dealers in drugs, hardware, etc., is a native of Troy, N. Y., but has lived all his life in Herkimer. He established the present business twenty-seven years ago in the present stand and the present partnership was formed in 1884. Mr. Prowse's father was an Englishman, and his mother was a native of Herkimer. He married Miss Emma Greene of Rome, N. Y., in 1867. Mr. Prowse is one of the enterprising and successful business men, and is a Mason, a member of the United Friends, and other societies. He has been actively engaged in the same business continuously longer than any other man in Herkimer.

Pross, Geo. Adam, Little Falls, was born in Germany October 7, 1835. He came to this country in 1854, and followed farming for twenty-two years. He had charge of the Fairfield road for seven years, then moved to Little Falls and has done jobbing and contracting since that time. He married Miss Caroline F. Shakinger, and has five children, four of whom are boys. Two of the boys are Pross Bros., grocers, Little Falls. Mr. Pross was overseer of the poor in Manheim for two years. He is a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance, Chosen Friends, E. P. M. A., Key Stone of Rochester, Reform Club, etc., and a substantial and esteemed citizen.

Parkinson, John, of Fairfield, is a native of England, but has been in America since 1850. He was first employed as a farm hand but soon struck out for himself and with great success. To-day he owns a fine farm of 175 acres and thirty milch cows. He rents the farm out and lives in a snug house of his own in Fairfield village. Mr. Parkinson married Charlotte Herringshaw in 1843 and they have two children, George and Mrs. Alfred Childs.

Peck, William, Manheim, was born in Manheim February 13, 1811. His ancestors are of New England descent, emigrating there from England, and of Revolutionary fame. Mr. Peck married Polly Silliman, and they have nine children, four sons and five daughters. Mrs. Peck died in 1890. Mr. Peck owns 1,500 acres of dairy land in Herkimer county, which is worked by tenants, besides owning other property. He has been a great traveler, having crossed the Atlantic forty-two times, and visited the principal cities and points of interest in France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, Egypt and the Holy Land, and is thoroughly informed upon ancient history. He is a most entertaining conversationalist.

Petrie, S. A., Little Falls, is a native of Little Falls, but has been on his present farm for about a year, having purchased it in 1891. He owns 114 acres, which he utilizes for dairy purposes, grass and grain. He keeps twenty-nine milch cows and sells considerable milk in the village, outside of his farming operations. Mr. Petrie is descended

from an old and historical family. His great-grandfather, Henry Keyser, was in the Revolutionary War and was taken prisoner with others by the Indians. Mr. Petrie married in 1862, Helen Getman, and has a family of five daughters and one son. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Post, Dan, Newport, was born in 1771 and came to Newport with his brother Nathaniel when a young man. Dan worked at farming. He married Mary ———, and their children were: John, Dan, jr., Spencer, Watson, Willoughby, Nathaniel, Roxy A. Benchley, and Julia A. Hale. Dan Post, jr., married Ann Stephens in 1824. She is a daughter of Benjamin Stephens of Fairfield. They had two children, Henry and Dan 3d. He married second, Delcena Kniffin, a native of Newport, and a daughter of Obediah Kniffin. They also had two children, Charles R. and Obediah K. After his second marriage Mr. Post moved to Ohio, where he remained until his death. Henry Post's father died when he was thirteen years of age, and he lived with his uncle, John Post, in the town of Russia until 1844. He then taught school in Illinois for four years, when he returned to Middleville, and has since followed farming and carpentering. While building a barn on his farm he discovered some quartz crystals, which he mines. He has one child living, Annie, wife of George W. Nellis, jr., editor of the *Wide Awake Herkimer Count Record* of Herkimer. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Universalist church and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Phillips, William, East Schuyler, was born in Steuben, Oneida county, in 1832, and his father, Champion Phillips, was also a native of that county. His grandfather came from Connecticut. Mr. Phillips engages in general farming, but has also a large business in buying and shipping hay. He has been twice married; first in 1857 to Mrs. Mary Jane Carder of East Schuyler, Herkimer county, and in 1883 to Miss Permelia Quance of Camden, Oneida county. He was commissioner of highways six years, trustee several terms and deputy sheriff six years.

Pearce, Frank E., Fairfield, superintendent of the poor for Herkimer county (elected in the fall of 1891), is a native of Newport, and was born July 12, 1859. He is a son of James P. Pearce, one of the best known men of the county. Frank E. left the farm at the age of eighteen to embark in the sewing-machine business. He was subsequently five years in the mercantile business in Newport. Then for six years he again followed farming. He was collector of Newport and supervisor for two terms, 1888-89, and although a Democrat, he was elected in a Republican town. In 1884 he married Jane L. Harris, and they have three children, two sons and one daughter.

Phillips, S. A., Russia, was born April 24, 1834, in Hammond, N. Y., a son of Samuel, who was a son of Samuel Phillips, a native of England, who settled in Rensselaer county, near Hoosac Falls. He was in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Phillips was twice married and had five children by his first wife. His first wife was Betsey Allen, youngest sister of Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. He married second Mrs. Baker, by whom he had four children. Samuel Phillips, jr., was born in Rensselaer county, 1797. He married Emily Wightman, a native of Trenton and a daughter of Eleazar Wightman, and to them were born five children. Mrs. Phillips died in 1841

and he married Paulina McMaster, of Russia, by whom he had one child. He was in the war of 1812. His son, Leander, in 1861 enlisted in the Second New York Light Artillery, but was transferred to the One Hundred and Seventeenth New York Infantry and served until the close of the war. Mr. Phillips died in 1877, and his wife died in 1885. Subject was reared on the old homestead in Russia. In 1855 he married Martha Emory, a native of Oswego county, whose parents were early settlers. To Mr. Phillips and wife have been born four children: Clara V. and Clinton, deceased. Allen J. and Frank J., the former residing on his father's farm and working in the tub factory with his father. His wife is Cora Baker, of Oswego county, and they have five children: George A., Clara, Clinton, Samuel and May, all of whom are living. Frank J. is a graduate of Fairfield and Holland Patent schools and holds a New York State diploma. He is at present a teacher in the commercial department of the University at Fort Worth, Texas. His wife is Blanche Ward, a native of North Carolina. S. A. Phillips is a farmer and also has a tub factory with first-class machinery and carries on a successful business. He is a Republican. He and family attend and support the M. E. and Unitarian churches at Trenton.

Parker, Theodore Patten, Litchfield, is a son of Archibald Parker and Cassandre Hoxie. Seven children were born to Archibald Parker and wife, of whom but two are living. Archibald Parker was supervisor of this town, and was born, lived and died on the farm now occupied by his youngest son. Theodore P. Parker was a son of the Rev. Archibald Parker, a native of Rhode Island, who settled at Parker's Corners, after which this place was named. There were five hundred acres in the tract bought by Rev. Archibald Parker and one Samuel Remington, and the tract was divided between them. Theodore P. Parker married Edwina A., daughter of Taylor Hasselkuse of Litchfield. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have one son, A. Earl. Rev. Archibald Parker was born April 12, 1769, and died January 3, 1831. He married Sarah Ross, born May 24, 1773, died October 15, 1852. Archibald Parker was born April 7, 1808, and died August 13, 1885. Cassandre Parker, his wife, was born July 26, 1809, and died October 23, 1862. The tract spoken of above was divided by the Rev. Archibald Parker, who took one-fourth, Samuel Remington one-fourth, and one-fourth was sold by them to Isaac Parke, a brother of the Rev. P., and the other one-fourth to another brother, Jacob Parker.

Paddock, Robert Brayton, Litchfield, was born in the town of Frankfort, June 7, 1824. He married Mariam F. Tanner, of the town of New Hartford, and they have two children, Arthur Clifford Paddock and Fannie Esther Paddock. Arthur C. Paddock married Emma Almira Burpee, of Litchfield, and they have two children, Effie Almira Paddock and Arthur Samuel Paddock. Fannie E. Paddock married John C. McCartin, of Watertown, June 30, 1891, and he died January 2, 1892. Robert B. Paddock is a son of Samuel, who was born on the Paddock homestead, and died July 19, 1882, aged eighty-six years. His father, Captain John Paddock, was a sea captain and a native of Connecticut, who was one of the first settlers of Frankfort. He died April 4, 1817, aged sixty-five years.

Rhodes, Thomas T., Russia, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., March 14, 1833, a son of Jacob, who was a son of Joseph, who was a native of Marblehead, Mass. Joseph Rhodes in an early day came to Chesterfield, Mass., where he lived and died. He had nine sons and three daughters. He was a mason by trade and also followed farming. He died in Chesterfield, Mass. Jacob Rhodes was born in Marblehead, Mass., March 8, 1783. In early life he taught school and afterwards learned the shoemaker's trade which he followed until his death. He married Sally Wood, a native of New Bedford, Mass., by whom he had four sons and one daughter. About 1857 he went to Williamsburg, Mass., where he died. Thomas T. Rhodes was educated in the common schools of Chesterfield, Mass., and at the age of seventeen worked for his brother, who was engaged in the manufacture of saw handles. He bought out the business and followed it until 1865, and after spending one year in Connecticut he came to Cold Brook and here engaged in the manufacture of saw handles, which business he has since followed. On November 27, 1857, he married Elvira, a daughter of Levi and Emily Olds, of Middlefield, Mass. Mrs. Rhodes died in December, 1863, and in 1864 he married second Ella A., a daughter of Sylvester and Belinda French, he a native of Sutton, N. H., and his wife of Ashfield, Mass. Mr. French and wife had one son and two daughters: Edward N., who was a corporal in the Forty-ninth Massachusetts Infantry; Georgiana, wife of J. M. Allen, of Cold Brook, and Mrs. Rhodes. Mr. French is a Whig and a Republican, and he and wife were members of the Congregational church. He died in 1883 and his wife now resides at Cold Brook. The children of Mr. Rhodes and wife are: Arthur E., born July 31, 1866, who was educated in the common schools and at Clinton, where he graduated in 1883. He was bookkeeper in the Poland Bank for three years and has since assisted his father at Cold Brook. In 1887 he married Belle, daughter of Jefferson Moon, of Cold Brook. He is a member of Newport Lodge, No. 455, F. and A. M.; also Iroquois Chapter, No. 236, R. A. M., Ilion, N. Y. Nellie E., wife of James W. Moon, of Cold Brook, and two who live at home, Mabel A. and Maud B. Thomas T. Rhodes is a Republican and has been assessor in Russia for two terms.

Read, George C., Russia, was born in Russia, June 18, 1852, a son of Erastus and Caroline (Russell) Read, elsewhere mentioned. Mr. Read was reared on a farm and educated in the Tenbroeck and Lowville Academies. In 1874 he married Estella, daughter of Frederick and Maria Carpenter, of Russia. To Mr. Read and wife one child, Fred, was born February 14, 1875. In 1876 Mrs. Read died, and April 18, 1883, Laura, daughter of William Henry, of Olcott township, became the wife of Mr. Read. In 1874 Mr. Read, with his brother, E. Robbins Read, engaged in the mercantile business in Poland, and they have since carried on a very successful trade. From 1878 to 1889 they also conducted mercantile business in Gray, during which time Mr. Read resided there. Since 1889 he has resided in Poland. He is a Republican.

Richardson, D. M., Herkimer was born in Schuylcr, N. Y. He received his education in the schools of Ulster and Franklin counties, and immediately thereafter learned the business of cheese-making, in which he has since that time, a period of twenty years been engaged. His family originally came to New York from Massachusetts,

but has lived in the old homestead at Schuyler for over one hundred years, and his father still lives there. Mr. Richardson served as supervisor for over six years, from 1886 to 1891, and was appointed deputy county clerk January 1, 1892. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 224, Oneida Chapter 57, Utica Commandery, No. 3, and Ziyara Temple Mystic Shrine. His wife was Miss Jane Ladd, of Schuyler. They have no children.

—Rasback, William C., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer, September 27, 1822. He has been a farmer all of his life. His father lived here and his grandfather took part in the Revolutionary War as a boy, while his great-grandfather took a soldier's part. Mr. Rasback owns ninety-four acres of land and keeps twenty head of cattle. He has been twice married, first when twenty-two years of age and again at forty-five. His present wife is Mary, daughter of Sanford Eysaman. In politics Mr. Rasback is a liberal Democrat. He has no children. His first wife was M. E. Harter, all of which family are now dead.

Robinson, T. F., Little Falls, manufacturer of brush blocks, inner soles, heel stock, etc., at Little Falls, is a native of England, who came to America twenty years ago. He is an experienced worker in various novelties in leather. He is enterprising, industrious and intelligent, and notwithstanding that he was once burned out without any insurance, is picking up again in a quiet unassuming way, and has in contemplation the enlargement of his concern. He is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and is past district deputy grand master in the latter order. Mr. Robinson married June 28, 1885, and has four children.

Read, E. Robins, Russia, was born in Russia, April 2, 1846, son of Erastus and Caroline (Russel) Read. Erastus settled in Russia in 1845. His wife was a daughter of Jonathan Russel and they had four children: E. Robins, Gile D., George C., and John B. They are natives and residents of the town of Russia. E. Robins married, August, 1867, Hattie E., daughter of Erastus and Phoebe Judson Terry. She died May 26, 1886. His second wife was Ella, daughter of Delos Judson, and has one child, Erastus Earl. Mr. Read is a Republican and has been clerk three years, justice of the peace four years, deputy sheriff under J. H. Ives three years, and was supervisor in 1885-86-88-89, and was chairman of the board in 1889. He is an active worker in the A. O. U. W., and charter member in Poland Lodge, of which he has also been master. His early education was in the district school. At thirteen years he entered the Utica Free School, which he attended winters until he was eighteen years of age, when he entered Poland Union Store as a clerk for three years. He was also agent for Russia Union Store for three years. In 1872 he started a general merchandise store at Poland. In 1875 he took his brother, George C., in as a partner. They are also interested in Holstein cattle and farming.

Read, John B., Russia, was born October 10, 1856. He is a son of Erastus and Caroline Read, whom we have mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education, supplemented by several terms in the Rural High School at Clinton. In 1880 he married Francis Willoughby, a native

of Russia and a daughter of Vincent Willoughby, by whom he had three children: Herbert, Ralph and Verna, all of whom are living. Mrs. Read died May 17, 1887. Mr. Read married Emma Wheeler of Ohio township, Herkimer county. She was formerly Miss Lawton. She has one daughter, Hattie A. Wheeler. Mr. Read is a manufacturer of cheese, which business he has followed for twenty years. In 1889 he purchased the cheese factory of Poland, and has since had a very successful business. He also has a printing office, the only one in Russia township. He is a member of the I. O. U. W. of Poland, No. 183.

Robinson, Douglas, Warren, was born in Lancashire, Scotland, March 24, 1824, a son of William Rose and Mary (Douglas) Robinson. The subject of our sketch was educated in Edinboro University, and in 1841 he came to this country and engaged in business in New York City. He married on November 14, 1850, Fanny Monroe, who was born in New York City, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Mary (Douglas) Monroe. Her grandfather, Andrew Monroe, was a brother of President Monroe, and served in the Revolutionary war. He was captured by the enemy, but managed to escape, and finally died on his estate in Westmoreland, Va. His ancestor was Andrew Monroe, a cavalier, who came from Scotland in 1642 and settled on a grant of land from Charles II. Andrew Monroe married Fanny Garnett, and they had two children, James and Augustin. James Monroe was born in Virginia, September 7, 1779, and graduated from West Point in 1816. He served in various wars, and was a member of Congress two terms and of the New York Assembly. He married in 1822 a daughter of George and Margaret Douglas, born in New York City in 1779, and settled in New York City. Of his six children three survived, William, Elizabeth M. and Fanny. The Henderson House.—The patentee was James Henderson of Scotland, who married Letitia Benson, and had six daughters, one of whom, Letitia, married Captain Corne, and her daughter, Margaret married George Douglas of Scotland, and had six children: Elizabeth, Margaret, Harriet, George, William and Mary. Harriet inherited from her mother the Henderson property, and married Henry Cruger, a lawyer, and died childless, and her niece, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, inherited the property. She was a daughter of James Monroe, of Virginia, who was a nephew of President Monroe.

Reynolds, Gideon, Newport, and his wife, Annie Crandall, settled in the township of Norway, coming from Rhode Island, and had two children, William and Robert. He died September 9, 1868. William commenced life as a clerk at ten years of age, and at the age of twelve taught school, which he followed for several years, then purchased a farm, where he lived until his death. He was also a produce dealer. William Reynolds, jr., was born May 25, 1830. When seventeen years old he took charge of his father's farm, and at the age of thirty he purchased his father's interest in the farm which he followed for two years. He then sold the farm, moved to Newport and followed the produce business seven years. In 1870 he purchased a farm near Newport, which he sold, then purchased the farm of eighty acres where he now resides. He also owns two hundred acres of land in the town of Schuyler. He is a member of the Newport Improvement Society, and is president of the canning factory, which em-

employs fifty hands and has a capacity of 20,000 cases of corn. He was justice of the peace of Norway and Newport and was a Republican until 1872, when he became a Prohibitionist. He was trustee and treasurer of the Newport Union Free School eleven years, secretary and treasurer of Newport Union Store, and secretary of the Agricultural Society three years. He has also been secretary, treasurer and trustee of the Universalist church. His mother, Betsey (Giles) Reynolds, was a daughter of James Giles who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Rider, Holmes, Frankfort, was born in Litchfield, October 7, 1830. He was one of twelve children of Anson and Eliza (Holmes) Rider; Anson, the father, being a native of Litchfield, his wife having been born in Winfield. Lewis Rider, the grandfather, was born in Connecticut and came to Litchfield, where he settled when a young man. Holmes Rider married first in 1852, Octavia Hungerford, daughter of Diodate Hungerford, who came from Connecticut and was one of the first settlers in that vicinity. She died in 1875, leaving one son, Martin H. Rider. Mr. Rider subsequently married Giffie H., daughter of J. Hartley Ball, of North Litchfield. Mr. Rider lives upon his farm in Frankfort making a specialty of raising horses, hay and sheep. Martin H., the son, is a merchant, doing business at Albion, N. Y. He married Nellie Willis of Waterville. They have one son, Kenneth Rider.

Rasbach, James Irving, M. D., son of John A. Rasbach, was born in Ilion, October 20, 1852. He was educated in Ilion Academy, Hungerford Collegiate Institute, and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, graduating from the latter institution in March, 1876. He immediately commenced the practice of medicine in his native village where he has since continued. He is an enthusiastic member of various medical societies and secret fraternal organizations. In 1879 he married Miss Margaret E. Bellinger, daughter of James H. Bellinger of Herkimer. He has one child, James B. Rasbach. The Rasbach family came from Schwarzwald, Germany, with the early Palatines, locating in what is now Herkimer. It actively participated in all the valley warfare for liberty.

Marx Rasbach, grandfather of John A. Rasbach, was an officer under General Herkimer at the battle of Oriskany. John A. Rasbach, father of Dr. Rasbach, was born in Herkimer, May 9, 1805, and died in Ilion, January 21, 1892.

Read, G. D., Russia, was born in Russia, on the old Read Homestead, March 19, 1850. He is a son of Erastus and Caroline Read, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. December 13, 1887, he married Carrie A. Barker, a native of Russia, born in 1865. Her father, Gorham Barker, was a native of Russia, and her grandfather, James Barker, was a native of Massachusetts, who came to Russia when a young man. He married Belinda Hubbard by whom he had eleven children. He died in Russia at the age of ninety-two years and his wife died at the age of eighty-six. Gorham Barker was born in 1817. September 28, 1852, he married Achsah Walker, daughter of Ebenezer Walker, of Russia, who was a son of Truman Walker of Massachusetts, and one of the early settlers of Russia. He was in the war of 1812. Ebenezer Walker and wife had five children. Mr. Walker died aged seventy-six, and his wife died in 1836. Mr. Barker and wife have had two sons and a daughter. He died October 28, 1877, his wife being



still living. Mr. Read owns one of the finest farms in Russia, on which he keeps a large dairy. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of Poland Grange, No. 607. His wife is a member of the Baptist church of Russia.

Ransom, N. E., Little Falls, was born at Inghams, Herkimer county, and educated in the Little Falls Academy, and commenced January 21, 1873, to brake on a passenger train on the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. After two years and eight months service he was promoted to the baggage car. In two years and eight months more exactly he was promoted to the position of freight conductor. After serving three years and eight months in this capacity he was appointed passenger conductor, which position he acceptably filled for seven years. He then resigned and entered into business at Little Falls. In 1891 (November 1) he was elected county clerk, which position he still holds. Mr. Ransom is commander of the Little Falls Commandery of Knights Templar and also an exempt fireman. He married Miss Carrie I. Wilcox of Little Falls, in 1876, and has no children. Mr. Ransom's descent is Mohawk Dutch on the mother's side and English on the father's. His great-grandfather removed from Massachusetts into New York State in 1793, and settled near Little Falls.

Root, H. G., German Flats, was born February 8, 1809, and is the oldest man in Mohawk and the one who gave the village its name. His father, John Root, was an edge tool maker. In 1831 he came to Mohawk and went into the forwarding business which he followed for many years. In 1839 he married Miss Olive B. Mix who died in May, 1892. Mr. Root has been justice of the peace twelve years, superintendent of the canal two years, clerk at Washington for fifteen years, and was a member of the Assembly in the year 1850. He now lives retired.

Rasbach, G. O., German Flats, was born December 23, 1846, and studied law with Thomas Richardson after a preliminary education at Cazenovia Seminary. He was admitted to the bar in 1876 and is one of the leading lawyers of this part of the county. He was president of Ilion in 1890 and 1891 and is a prominent Democrat. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and other local organizations. In 1870 he married Caroline M. Roney, by whom he has had three sons, Charles I., George O., jr., and Earle J.

Russell, Pardon S., Frankfort, one of eight children of Jonathan and Mary (Stewart) Russell, was born in Frankfort February 16, 1836. His grandfather, Jonathan Russell, was a native of New England, who emigrated to New York State in early life. His father was born in Scotland and was kidnapped when young and brought to this country. Pardon S. Russell was married November 29, 1854, to Cythera Inman of Frankfort, one of eight children of Asel and Cynthia (Baldwin) Inman. They have six daughters: Emma (Mrs. W. D. Lewis), Nellie (Mrs. Jas. McGuckin), Jennie (Mrs. Jas. Hagies), Minnie, Flora and Edith. Mr. Russell worked the homestead farm during the lifetime of his father, who died in his ninetieth year, since that time working his own farm. He was appointed road commissioner in 1892.

Richardson, Thomas, German Flats, was born in England October 19, 1830, and came to America in 1854. He began life as a teacher in Montgomery county and taught in



different places from 1855 to 1861. He studied law while teaching and was admitted to the bar in 1861. He began practice in Frankfort but moved to Ilion in 1864 and has been very successful here, having both a large clientage and being attorney for E. Remington & Sons from 1867 to 1886. He is also counsel for the Ilion National Bank, was also counsel for the Driven Wells Company. In 1859 he married a daughter of Hon. John B. Dygert and has one son and three daughters, A. D., Caroline L., Jennie M. and Lillian L.

Rich, Charles M., Frankfort, was born in the town of Marion, Wayne county, April 20, 1858, he being one of four children of John S. and Amanda (Caldwell) Rich. John S., the father, who has been influential in the politics in Wayne county, was born in Connecticut. Charles M., after graduating from the Rochester Business University in 1878, learned the watchmaking and jeweler trade at South Manchester, Conn. He was for about two years located with a jeweler at Fort Plain, coming to Frankfort and establishing himself in business about ten years ago, being one of the first merchants to locate here after the West Shore railroad shops were established. He was married January 22, 1885, to Blanche J. Webster, one of five children of Charles W. and Julia P. Webster of Fort Plain.

Richards, Seymour S., M. D., Frankfort, was born in Newport, Herkimer county, December 23, 1860; he being one of two children of L. F. and Sarah (Haskell) Richards, the other being Frank J. Richards. John Richards, the grandfather, was born in Wales. He emigrated to New England in early life and later located in Herkimer county. Seymour S. was married April 25, 1883, to Marianetta Skiff, daughter of Dr. Perrin A. and Marianetta (Valentine) Skiff of Frankfort, they both being natives of Schuyler. Dr. Richards was educated at Richfield Springs and Fort Edward, at University of Michigan at Ann Arbor one year and graduated at University Medical College at New York in March, 1883, and began the practice of his profession in Frankfort where he has since remained.

Reed, Elijah, Little Falls, is a native of Herkimer county, and was born in 1822. He lived on his father's farm until 1846, when he came to Little Falls and entered the mercantile business. In 1861 he embarked in the cheese business, and in 1868 retired from this to go into the starch manufacturing business with J. J. Gilbert. He continued in this industry for eighteen years. In 1882 he became connected with the Little Falls Knitting Company by purchasing stock, and in 1886 he took the position of secretary and treasurer, which he has since held. The company is very prosperous, and employs 260 hands in the manufacture of underwear. Mr. Reed takes a deep interest in the prosperity of the town. He possesses fine business abilities, and his life has been successful.

Russell, George R., Frankfort, was born in Virginia January 25, 1861. He was one of four children of A. N. and Mary (Hatch) Russell, the others being S. T., Hattie E. and Ella M. Russell. A. N., the father, was a native of Oneida county and a son of Samuel Russell. George R. was married June 12, 1889, to Clara M. Angell, of Ilion, one of two children of I. A. and Susan (Mott) Angell, the other being Helen E.

Angell. They have one son, Harold R. Russell. Mr. Russell has always lived in Ilion and Frankfort, he having been engaged in business in Frankfort the past nine years, and is one of the trustees of the village. The firm of A. N. Russell & Sons, of which he is a member, are located at Ilion and Frankfort, their manufactory being at Ilion, where they manufacture sash, doors and blinds and all styles of finishing lumber, employing fifty men, George R. being manager of the Frankfort branch.

Rudd, O. B., German Flats, jeweler, is a native of Wyoming county, N. Y.; was born September 3, 1840. He came to Ilion in December, 1862, and was for some time in partnership, but has been sole proprietor of the leading jeweler store of Ilion since 1870. He is a member of the Methodist church, is a Mason and a member of the Little Falls Commandary, also of the A. O. U. W. In 1867 he married Miss Clara Baker, who died two years after. They had one son, J. Holland, who is in business with his father. In 1872 Mr. Rudd was married to Amanda E. Reynolds. Their only son, C. Reynolds Rudd, died when he was seventeen years of age. Mr. J. Holland Rudd is actively associated with the Ilion Library, now in course of erection, and was one of its promoters. Mr. O. B. Rudd has been a member of the School Board, treasurer of the Herkimer County Bible Society for many years, and was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday-school for a long period.

Ross, A. M., German Flats, is a native of Norway, Herkimer county, and was born January 23, 1835. He was first a carpenter and pattern-maker, and entered the Remington works in 1862 and remained there until 1886. He then purchased the tools, etc., and continued the branch of business he conducted there. In 1888 he organized the present company for the manufacture of agricultural implements. Mr. Ross was supervisor of German Flats for seven years and trustee of the village five years. He was also in the Assembly one year. In 1862 he married Miss Mary A. Buell, and they have two children, Bert B. and Imogene.

Ross, D. G., German Flats, was born in Littlefield January 28, 1847, and remained on his father's farm until he was twenty years of age. He then clerked for some time, and afterwards went into partnership with J. A. Chappell, the firm being known as Chappell & Ross, but at the end of seven years the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Ross starting for himself, which he still continues. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist church, a Mason passed up to the commandery, and a member of the A. O. U. W. He ran for supervisor of the town in 1888, but was defeated. In 1870 D. G. Ross married Miss Susan J. Paddock.

Robbins, Sanford, Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler, born December 23, 1832. His father was Giles Robbins, and his grandfather was Reuben Robbins, one of the early settlers of the town. In 1856 Mr. Robbins married Elizabeth Finster, who died October 3, 1889. They had three sons and five daughters, two of the latter being married.

Rasbach, John A., German Flats, was born in Herkimer October 3, 1839, and was engaged in the flour and feed business for many years and also in speculating. About a year ago he opened a first-class laundry in Ilion. He is well and favorably known in Ilion, and is treasurer of the Water Commission and an active Democrat. He is a

Mason and a member of the Little Falls Commandery, also of the Royal Arcanum. In 1862 he married Miss Sarah E. Owen, and they have two sons, Frank B. and Sanford A.

Redway, Charles B., German Flats, was born in Jefferson county July 21, 1865, but has resided in Ilion about all his life. His father established a dry goods business in Ilion thirty-one years ago, and in 1882 the business went into the hands of Charles B., who has conducted it ever since. His father was Albert P. Redway, and his grandfather was Albert G., a native of Vermont. In 1889 Mr. Redway married Miss Lucy Hakes, and they have one child, a daughter. Mr. Redway is an Odd Fellow and a Mason.

Rankins, Richard M., Little Falls, is one of the most substantial farmers in Little Falls, and was born on one of the farms he now owns. He is a son of the late Josiah Rankins, and has always followed agriculture, owning 205 acres of land and fifty cows. His ancestors were here long before the Revolution, in which war his great-great-grandfather, Hugh, a native of Scotland, was a soldier. His great-grandfather, a son of Hugh, was a fifer in the Revolution, and both were in the battle of Lake Champlain. His grandfather, Melchert Rankins, son of Thomas Rankins, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was stationed at Ogdensburgh and Sackett's Harbor. Mr. Rankins is a Republican, and a leading man in town affairs, is present master of the Grange at Little Falls, and is a Knight Templar in the Masonic fraternity. In 1861 he married Elizabeth Lotridge, daughter of George H. Lotridge, and they have two sons, George H., a fireman on the N. Y. C. R. R., and Josiah, a book-keeper in the Saxony Mills.

Richardson, Rev. Charles S., Little Falls, pastor of the Little Falls Presbyterian church, was born in Pitsford, N. Y., February 7, 1845, and after a preliminary education graduated at Hobart College in the class of '65. He then taught school three years, and entered upon a course at Auburn, N. Y., Theological Seminary, graduating in 1871. He then went abroad for foreign travel, and for three years taught in the American College on the Bosphorus, near Constantinople. In the winter of 1874 he journeyed through the Holy Land and Egypt. On his return from the East he was called to the pastorate of the Malone (N. Y.) Presbyterian church, where he remained thirteen years. He was called to Little Falls, N. Y., as pastor of the First Presbyterian church in 1888. In his college course Mr. Richardson was a high honor man, and his career since has been very successful.

Root, A. P., Norway, was born in Russia, November 5, 1839. His father was Palmer Root, born 1802 in Russia. His mother was Sallie Truman, born October 26, 1826. Mr. Root was a colonel in the State militia, and was a Whig and afterwards a Republican. He held the offices of supervisor and assessor. His life was spent in Russia, except the last year, when he resided in Norway, where he died in 1863, and his wife in 1885. The subject was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and in Fairfield Seminary. In 1862 he married Mary Walrath, of Fort Plain, and their children are Nellie E., Minnie, Charles M. and Edith. In 1885 Mrs. Root died, and in 1888 Mr. Root married Mrs. Sarah Hall Slocum. Mr. Root was a resident of Russia until

1863, when he went to Norway and purchased the farm on which he now resides. He is a Prohibitionist and he and wife are Baptists. Mr. Root is a member of Norway Grange, No. 586, and is at present its secretary.

Rider, Brainard M., Litchfield, was born on the farm of 100 acres, where he now lives, January 7, 1848. He married in 1874 Jennie L. Ball, and they have five children: Ruth, Martha, Wakeman, Arthur and H. Daisy. Brainard M. is a son of Wakeman Rider, who was born in this town, and owned a tract of 470 acres. He sent three substitutes to the army in the place of three of his sons. Wakeman Rider was born October 2, 1810, and died March 15, 1891. His wife, Hannah E., was born December 21, 1811, and died August 4, 1890. He was a son of Samuel Rider, who was born in Dutchess county in 1777. In 1795 he came to Litchfield, where but few persons had preceded him. By patient industry he secured a good home and died April 8, 1864, aged eighty-six years. His wife, Lucinda (Crosby) Rider, has since died.

Rider, Byron Adelbert, Litchfield, was born March 8, 1849, on his present grain and dairy farm of 153 acres. He married S. Frances Smith, and they have two children: Olive J. and Lester A. Byron A. Rider is a son of Anson, whose father was Lewis B., son of Christopher Rider, who, in 1787, came from Connecticut. Mrs. Rider was a daughter of Roderick H. and Mary L. (Paddock) Smith. The mother of Byron Adelbert Rider was Eliza Holmes, and there are now living of the children: Boughton L., Holmes, Ruth Hooker, Mary J., Anson, jr., Alvah I., Orange C. and Byron A. Rider. Those deceased are: Elam, Romelia, Byron, Roswell, Rosa Curtis, Eveline Tanner and John B. Rider. Anson Rider died April 15, 1886, aged eighty years.

Simms, Edward, Little Falls, farmer, was born in the town of Danube in 1833 and has been thirteen years in this town, at which date he purchased his fine farm. He owns 125 acres of land, which he utilizes for dairy purposes. He has a herd of forty cows. Mr. Simms is one of the best known agriculturists in the county and has held some important offices. He was clerk of the county from 1874 to 1880, and has twice been under sheriff of the county. He was also a justice of the peace for many years. In his earlier years he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1855, at which date he cast his first vote. He is a Republican. In 1858 he married Emeline Churchill, and has a family of two sons and one daughter.

Stacey, Irving E., Little Falls, cheese broker, is a native of Little Falls and began business as a clerk in 1881 in the office of Landt & Mesick. After two years he was given a percentage in the business and at the end of four years became a partner. In 1889 the firm discontinued and Mr. Stacey embarked in business for himself and has been unusually successful. He has become known as the largest home trade buyer in New York State outside of New York city. He buys for the wholesale trade and ships to all points and into nearly every State in the Union. He is a young man about twenty-eight years of age and possessed of unusual business enterprise and energy.

Shant, W. H., Little Falls, Herkimer County, was a native of the town of Danube. His father, Winslow Shant, was a farmer, and he remained on the farm for sixteen years. Ten years ago commenced in business with his brother, B. J. Shant;

they were together four years and six months and then R. J. sold out to C. W. Vosburgh; but five years ago the partnership was dissolved and each has since continued business alone, in the grocery, meat and fish line. In 1878 he married Sarah E. Bailey and they attend the Universalist Church. Between the time of leaving the farm and going into business he learned telegraphy and cheese making and was occupied two years in the former and five years in the latter line.

Small, Fred L., Little Falls, is a native of Herkimer. He graduated at Yale, in 1867, and in 1869 took his degree in Columbia College Law School. He was admitted to the bar at the General Term in February, 1869, and commenced practice in New York city. In the summer of 1871 he came to Little Falls, where he is now practicing his profession.

Seavey, Jerome L., Russia, was born in Russia, February 5, 1840, and is a son of Elijah and Ann (Sperry) Seavey. She was a daughter of Stephen and Fannie Sperry, residents of this town. Elijah and his mother settled in Russia, 1818. He is a carpenter and bridge builder by occupation. His children are: George K., a dentist, of Boonville, Oneida County, N. Y., and Jerome L., a dentist, of Poland. Jerome L., at twenty years of age, entered Smart Academy at Russia, and then studied with his brother at Boonville. In 1877 he commenced practice at Poland. He married Sarah L., a daughter of Richard and Matilda Millington. He has three children, Charles J., May, wife of Edgar Cruikshank, and Edwin M. He is a Republican, as is also his father, Elijah, who has been very active in politics, having been the first postmaster at Gravesville, also at Russia for thirteen years, town clerk for two years, justice of the peace eight years, highway commissioner seventeen years, twelve of which were consecutive, also excise commissioner twelve years.

Moore, John D., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer county, December 26, 1855. After receiving a common school education he learned the carpenter trade, then was clerk for six years, after which he formed a co-partnership with Oliver H. Perry, which still exists. Mr. Moore was elected president of the village in 1885, trustee in 1889, and re-elected in 1890. He married Miss Libbie Davis, a daughter of H. R. Davis. They have three children, two boys and a girl. Oliver H. Perry was born in Herkimer, July 3, 1848, and has always lived here. He married Miss Nancy J. Moore, a sister of John D. Moore. They have no children. This firm has a Carriage and Harness Repository. They are large real estate owners, and have built up a section of this village. They also own a large dairy farm just outside of the village. They are both energetic, enterprising, and reliable business men and citizens. Mr. Moore is also foreman of the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, of Herkimer. In the year 1880 was formed the co-partnership which now exists, of Perry & Moore. They were at that time and for some years after engaged in the manufacture of carriages, sleighs, etc., until factory work compelled them to go out of manufacturing and start a repository for the sale of new work, and finally to the exclusion of manufacturing, as all small concerns must do. At this time they were engaged in the milk business, but their supply not being large enough to meet the demand of their customers, they bought more land in the corporate limits of the village, in all about

twenty-three acres, after which, in extending streets and laying out some new ones, there was added to the village seventy-seven village lots. This property made the firm largely interested in what was at this time the southern suburbs of the corporation. The school district comprises the whole corporation of the village. About 1878 there was a new school building erected, and a few years ago it was found inadequate for its purpose. The subject of enlarging its capacity was agitated and brought before a school meeting called for the purpose, when the subject was voted down. This firm having a large interest on the opposite side of the railroad (where about one-half of the children lived, who had to cross the railroad tracks), after three or four school meetings, was successful in getting a new school building placed below the railroad at a cost of about \$20,000. The pleasant village of Herkimer has now a school-house second to no other in this section, and it may be said that it is largely owing to the influence of this firm. The firm besides selling lots have erected twenty-five new buildings on their own account, some of which they have sold to honest toilers, and some of which they rent.

Steele, J. A., Herkimer, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, May 20, 1840. He received his education in the schools of Rochelle, Illinois, and on May 6, 1861, was mustered in the United States service, becoming a member of the Sturges Rifles, a company of sharpshooters from Chicago. This company was sent to West Virginia, and Mr. Steele participated in the battle of Rich Mountain, Laurel Hill, etc., after which he was sent to Washington, and after the first battle of Bull Run, went with McClellan through the peninsula campaign, participating in all the battles and skirmishes. After the battle of Fredericksburg he was mustered out, and came to Herkimer, where he decided to study law. He entered the law office of Thomas Richardson, esq., of Frankfort, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar in 1864. He has practiced in partnership with Judge G. W. Smith and A. B. Steele, his son, Robert E. Steele, being now associated with him. He married Miss Mary E. Howell. They have four children, two boys and two girls. J. A. Steele is a Mason, a member of Aaron Helmer G. A. R. Post, of Herkimer, N. Y., which he organized and was commander of for six years. His wife's father was Lieutenant Howell of the Second New York Heavy Artillery.

Sherman, John, Newport, was born in Newport, N. Y., August 1, 1855, a son of Waldo, who was a son of Berzillai Sherman, a native of Massachusetts, born January 20, 1788. The latter came to Newport when a young man, and settled on the farm now owned by Earnest Sherman. His wife was Sophia Janes, born in 1785, and they had eleven children. Mr. Sherman's second wife was Mary Fenner. He served as teamster in the war of 1812, was a Whig in politics, and died January 3, 1862. His first wife died August 15, 1841. His son, Waldo, was born in Newport in 1824, and married Julia Fuller, a native of Newport, and a daughter of Ezra and Lucy Fuller. To Mr. Sherman and wife were born three sons: Charles (deceased), John and Earnest. He was a Democrat and held the offices of commissioner of highways six years and supervisor one year. He was a member of Newport Lodge, No. 455, F. and A. M., and he and wife attended the Universalist church. He died in 1890. His son

John was reared on the old homestead and educated in the common schools. In 1879 he married Minnie Higgins, daughter of Gilbert and Emily Higgins. Mr. Sherman and wife have three children: Charles Earl, Jennie B., and Ida E. Mr. Sherman is a Democrat.

Snyder, C. E., Herkimer, attorney at law, Herkimer, N. Y., is a native of Cherry Valley, born November 23, 1863. After graduating at Cornell University he studied law in the office of the late Samuel Earl, with whom he was subsequently a partner. Since the death of Mr. Earl, Mr. Snyder has been engaged in the practice of law by himself. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1887, and began his professional career at once.

Snell, C. R., lumber dealer of Herkimer, is a native of Herkimer, and spent his first business years in the grocery trade. After ten years in this line he embarked in the lumber business, in which he has now been engaged nineteen years. Mr. Snell has a family of two sons and a daughter, G. C. and C. H. Snell, and Mrs. George Sims.

Stinson, E. I., Little Falls, one of the leading druggists and grocers of Little Falls, is a native of St. Catharines, Ontario, but has been in the United States almost his entire life. He came to Little Falls in 1885 and started in the drug and grocery business in a partnership, but in 1889 he bought out his partner and has since conducted the business alone. His business is large and prosperous, and the stand which he occupies is one of the finest in the grocery line in this town. Upon leaving Canada his father moved to Saginaw, Mich., and after a sound preparatory education our subject took a course in the pharmaceutical department of Ann Arbor; he then embarked in mercantile affairs. Mr. Stinson is quite a young man, and is son-in-law to Hon. Titus Sheard, having married his youngest daughter. In politics he is a Republican and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Smith, E. La Grange, Frankfort, one of fourteen children of Henry I. and Catherine (La Grange) Smith, was born in Schenectady county, where he lived until about sixteen years of age. He was educated in the common schools at Fairfield and at Hungerford Collegiate Institute. For two years he was connected with the *Pittsburgh Daily Post*, taught school at Frankfort one year, and read law with Lewis H. Babcock for two years, and with Denison and Everett for the same length of time. In 1875 he began the practice of his profession in Frankfort, where he has since remained. He was married in 1879 to Etta M., a daughter of Col. William Bridenbecker, of Frankfort, she being one of seven children. They have one son, Claude Vernet Smith.

Smith, Edwin P., Danube, was born on the old farm February 15, 1854; his grandfather, John Smith, settled here early in the seventeenth century and during the war of the Revolution was captured by the Indians and taken to Canada, where he was sold for five dollars, and after two years of servitude was allowed to escape, when he returned. Edwin's father, John Smith, lived and died on the farm which is rich in historic incidents. A branch of the Mohawk tribe had their headquarters there and several battles between the British and patriots were fought upon it; skulls, arrow



heads, cam on lads, etc., are frequently plowed up. Mr. Smith owns three hundred acres which extend into both counties. He is a member of the Grange, etc.

Smith, A. G., Fairfield, one of the oldest residents of Fairfield, was born here June 11, 1822, and has resided on his present farm since 1844. His father came to the adjoining farm in 1831. In 1846 Mr. Smith married Adaline M. Todd, who died July 24, 1887. His grandfather died while his father, Nicholas, was quite young. He taught school four winters, and for forty years there was no death in his family.

Smith, Edward A., Ohio, was born in Russia, October 9, 1859, and is a son of Orrin Smith, of Ohio. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools, and has always been a farmer, residing most of his life in Ohio. He is a Republican. In 1884 he married Ella M. Popple, of Ohio, born in 1865. They have two children, Eda M. and Maggie A. The father of Mrs. Smith was George Popple, who was a son of Zachariah. John Popple was born in Russia in 1806. He married Philette Tayntor, by whom he had one child, George. Mr. Popple died in 1889 and his wife in 1891. George Popple was born in Russia in 1836. In 1861 he married Margaret Davenport, of Russia, and they had three daughters: Mrs. Smith, wife of the subject, is the only one living. Mr. Popple and family were supporters of the M. E. church. He died in 1872 and his wife in 1890.

Smith, Melchert, Herkimer, is a native of Herkimer and has been a farmer in the same locality all his life. Mr. Smith is seventy-four years of age, having been born June 30, 1818. He owns one hundred acres of land and has twenty-four cows in his fields. His father, Adam Smith, also resided here, and went to Canada in the war of 1812. About 1840 Mr. Smith married Mary E. Harter, and they have seven children. Mr. Smith has voted for fifty-two years and never missed a town meeting or an election. His only son, Morgan, is married to Miss Ida Churchill. Mr. Smith is a Democrat and has always voted that ticket.

Stillman, Ezra, Newport, was born in Rhode Island about 1790 and died, aged seventy-three years. He was a son of Benjamin Stillman and married Polly Newberry. He settled in the town of Newport in 1811 and was the father of eight children, Nathaniel P., Samuel N., Mary Ann, Erastus B., George, Jane, Nancy and Jackson. At the age of twenty-three Nathaniel P. started at farming, where he now lives. He married Lydia Wilson in 1836. She was a native of Newport and a daughter of John and Sallie Wilson. She died in 1887, aged sixty-nine years. They have seven children, as follows: Emily, Adaline, Louise, Minerva, Lydia, Flora and Ezra. Emily married Gilbert Higgins in 1857, and lives on a small farm near Newport. They have one daughter, Minnie, who married John Sherman, a farmer, who also lives near Newport. Louisa married William Harris in 1860. The latter enlisted as a private in Company D, First Berdan's Sharpshooters, in 1861, and died August 11, 1863, at Sulphur Springs, in Virginia. They had two children, one of whom now survives, Mrs. Carrie Spellman, of Cold Brook. Louisa Harris died August 4, 1875, aged thirty-two years. Minerva married George Wilcox July 4, 1864, and died in 1867, aged twenty-two years. Lydia was born in 1850 and died in 1870, aged twenty years.



Flora married John Payne in 1877 and resides in Utica. They have one daughter, Bertha A. Ezra Stillman, jr., married Allie Truman, and follows farming, raising fancy cattle, etc. They have had three children, Bessie, Ward and Lydia, of whom only one, Ward, survives.

Staring, Philip, Little Falls, one of the leading farmers of Little Falls, was born in Herkimer, but has lived in this town nearly all his life. He owns ninety-eight acres of land, utilized entirely for grass and dairying purposes. He keeps fifteen cows, is a young, unmarried man and is full of enterprise. He is a Democrat in politics.

Staring, Peter A., Little Falls, is a native of this place and was born February 5, 1824. His first business experience was in the retail grocery trade, in which he was engaged from 1845 to 1879. In 1860 he connected a livery business and when he dropped the grocery business in 1879, he still continued to manage his livery establishment. Mr. Staring during his long life in Little Falls has gained the highest esteem and confidence of the entire community. He was supervisor of the town for three years, 1869-70-71, and has been trustee of the village for several years. He comes of an old and honorable family. He is the son of Peter Staring, who was in the war of 1812, and a grandson of Adam Staring, one of the early settlers in this locality. His mother's father was the celebrated Colonel Feeter. The old Staring farm is situated about one mile from the village, and thirty acres of the property was purchased by the water commissioners for a storage reservoir and a park. Mr. Staring is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum. He has one son and three daughters.

Skiff, Perrin A., M. D., Frankfort, was born in West Schuyler January 4, 1826, he being one of three children of Hiram and Elizabeth J. (Akins) Skiff. He was married in January, 1852, to Marietta Valentine of East Schuyler, daughter of Sidney S. and Anna E. Valentine. They have three children, Anna M. (Mrs. J. F. Rogers), May E. (Mrs. Alfred Bayless), and Etta C. (Mrs. S. S. Richards). Dr. Skiff was educated at Clinton Freewill Institute and at Whitestown; he studied medicine with Drs. Budlong & Parbhurst two years, and one year with Dr. Henderson of Whitestown, took three courses at Albany Medical College, graduating in 1851. He then settled in Frankfort, where he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession. Dr. Skiff has always been interested in the welfare of the town, having acted as supervisor three terms, president of Herkimer Medical Society one term and for the past seven years has been surgeon of the West Shore Railroad.

Sellman Bros., Little Falls. This firm, which is located on Main street, Little Falls, consists of John Sellman and Emil P. P. Sellman, general grocers. Both gentlemen were born in Little Falls and educated in the Union School there. John Sellman was, prior to the establishment of the present firm in 1890, an employee of the railroad mail service for five years. Emil clerked for Herlehy Bros. for eight years and was with Dennis Collins two years. Both are members of Erina Chemical Engine No. 5; of Westcott Council Royal Arcanum 1476, and Chosen Friends, and are staunch Democrats. John was corporation collector for two years. This firm is both popular and reliable, and its members are among Little Falls' most enterprising citizens.

Seaman, George I., Frankfort, was born in the town of Parish, Oswego county, January 24, 1850; he was one of eleven children of George and Mary A. (Crosby) Seaman. George, the father, was born in Vermont. Mary A. (Crosby), the mother, was born in Herkimer county, her ancestry being of Connecticut. George I. Seaman was married June 15, 1882, to Ella V. Waterbury, one of three children of W. S. and Abigail M. (Hager) Waterbury of Frankfort. They have two children, Frank and Hazel Seaman. Mr. Seaman came to Frankfort in 1869 and worked for C. B. Crosby, afterwards for W. S. Waterbury four years, when he bought the grocery and meat market from him; he also deals in cattle, hay and beef and continues the other business to this day. Mr. Seaman has served the town as supervisor four terms from 1882-85 and in 1891; he has been collector of taxes and also on the board of trustees.

Scriber, G. H., German Flats, was born in Oswego county August 8, 1837, and has been in the clothing business all his life. His father was George Scriber, and his grandfather was one of the old Mohawk Dutch. His mother was also of the same origin. Mr. Scriber is a Mason, a member of the Royal Arcanum, the A. O. U. W. and the Baptist church. He has been treasurer of the village and school trustee. In 1888 he married Miss Margaret Hotelling of this place.

Seeber, Peter B., Little Falls, is not only one of the leading farmers of Little Falls, but comes from one of the most historic families in this part of the State. He was born in Herkimer in 1825, and has been a farmer all of his life. He married Emily Ackerman, and they have six children living. His son Henry is living with him and now owns the dairy farm of 103 acres. He is a promising young agriculturist. Both are Democrats. They have lived on their present farm for five years. They formerly lived in Danube, where Peter B. was overseer of the poor for some time, and Henry Seeber was town clerk for three years. The family have been in this part of the county for over one hundred years. Some of the ancestors of the family were prominent in the Revolutionary war.

Seamens, A. C., German Flats, was born in Winfield, February 8, 1822. After leaving the farm he was four years in a foundry and then came to Ilion. He was engaged in the canal warehouse and mercantile business for many years and subsequently was in the office of E. Remington & Sons. In 1852 he married Caroline M. Williams and has four children, Clarence W., Mary C., Frances M. and I. C. The sons are prominent associates with the typewriter company.

Stahl, John L., Salisbury, was born in Fulton county, N. Y., September 25, 1846. His grandfather purchased land and settled in Fulton county early in the seventh century, participating in the war of the Revolution. John Stahl, father of John L., was also born here. He was a contracting carpenter. Mr. John L. Stahl was connected with his brother, Levi, in lumbering for about ten years, after which he was engaged in mercantile business in Fulton county for about nine years. In 1883 Mr. Stahl disposed of his interests in Fulton county, and purchased the mercantile establishment at Salisbury Corners, which he has since conducted, doing a large trade. His wife was Sarah M. Avery, of Gloversville, N. Y. They have had two children, a son and a daughter, Frederick and Maudie Stahl. Frederick Stahl married a daughter of Supervisor Warren H. Eaton.

Sadler, John B., Ingham's Mills, was born January 15, 1847. He received a liberal education and has been identified with the business interests of Ingham's Mills since his youth. He has conducted the grist-mill, hotel, cheese box manufactory for many years. He is justice of the peace and has been overseer of the poor, and has held the office of postmaster under several administrations. He is also identified with Little Falls Masonic Lodge, No. 181, Little Falls Chapter, No. 161, and Little Falls Commandery, No. 26, also member Independent Order of Red Men, Ziyara Temple Noble Mystic Shrine, Odd Fellows, etc. His first wife was a Miss Horton, by whom he had two children, one now living. He married second Frankie C. Staring. Mr. Sadler is a descendant of an old Revolutionary family.

Shepard, F. C., German Flats, is a native of Otsego county, and was born September 21, 1824. After clerking and being engaged in mercantile business for some years he came to Ilion as teller of the old Ilion Bank and was subsequently made cashier in 1859, which position he held until 1866. He was county treasurer one term, from 1863 to 1866. He was with the Remingtons as a financial manager for twenty years and for the past four years has been living retired. Mr. Shepard married in 1847 and has seven children living.

Saxby, William, German Flats, was born in Cheshire, England, December 27, 1843, and came to America in 1870. After working some time with Smith & Wesson, he came to Ilion in 1874 and entered the armory, where he remained till 1886, when he went into the liquor business in 1888, which he now devotes his entire attention to. In 1862 Mr. Saxby married Elizabeth Turner, and they have had two children. One son, Henry T. Saxby, has charge of the repairing department of the typewriter in London, England, for Wycoff, Seamans & Benedict. He married Anna E. Brooker, of Worthing, England. From 1886 to 1888 William was in Schenectady; had charge of electric light plant for lighting city ten months. Afterwards worked for the Edison company. Returned to Ilion in fall of 1888 and bought a saloon.

Spellman, E. J., Fairfield, is a native of Newport. James, his father, came to that town from Ireland in 1854. They own a dairy farm of 323 acres in Newport, and E. J. Spellman is proprietor of the Spellman House in Middleville. He was educated at Whitestown Seminary and came to Middleville in May, 1889. His father resides with him, his mother having died in April, 1889. Mr. Spellman is an active Democrat, and always a delegate. He holds the office of trustee of the village.

Strobel, Charles G., Dolgeville, was born in the town of Ohio. He was educated in the Fairfield and Cazenovia Seminaries; studied medicine in the University of Vermont and the Long Island College Hospital, of Brooklyn, N. Y., graduating from the latter institution in 1888. After practicing for a few months in Pennsylvania he settled in Dolgeville, where he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He married Nora L. Brown of this county.

Stone, B. A., German Flats, is a native of Wilmington, Vt., and was educated at the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., and Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He then went into the pocketbook business at South Deerfield, Mass., after

which he engaged in the same business at Philadelphia, Pa., where he still remains. He is now largely interested in the Mohawk Knitting company, of which he is president, and is vice-president of the Mohawk Valley Knitting Mills, and a director in the Mohawk Valley National Bank. In 1872 he married Ella E. Crim, daughter of J. S. F. Crim, of Mohawk, N. Y., and they have three children living: Louis T., Marjorie D. and Bertha D. Mr. Stone's father was Ashley and his grandfather was Ebenezer, both natives of Hinsdale, N. H.

Stoddard, Wilbur, O., Newport, was born in Newport, Herkimer county, in 1857, a son of Orville J., whose father was Harvey, a native of Connecticut, born in 1796. In 1820 the latter came to Newport, N. Y., and settled on the farm now owned by his son, Orville J. He married Mary Daniels, a daughter of Eleazer Daniels (one of the earliest settlers of Newport, and in the war of 1812), by whom he had two sons and two daughters. By trade he was a carpenter and assisted in building the Norway Church, the church at Russia Corners and Middleville Church. In politics he was a Republican. He died March 10, 1869, and his wife died in 1878. Orville J. Stoddard was born in Newport on April 8, 1837, and has always been a resident of the town. August 19, 1855, he married Adelaide J. Minott, a native of Schuyler, born March 3, 1841. She was one of the four daughters of Colonel and Betsey (Farrinton) Minott, early settlers of Schuyler, N. Y. The children were Wilbur O., Mary A., wife of George M. Jones, of Newport, and Frank H. Wilbur O. was reared on the old homestead. He and his brother Frank are the leading honey producers of the county, and they also do an extensive business in pop-corn raising. He owns two blocks and a fine dwelling in Middleville, is a Republican and has been assessor one term. He has been bookkeeper and treasurer of the Hasenclever cheese factory seven years and has taught school several terms.

Staring, Charles E., Frankfort, was born in Frankfort, October 22, 1834, he being one of eight children of Nicholas and Mary Ann (Sterling) Staring. Nicholas Staring, the father, was born in Old Stone Church, Fort Hunter, and his wife, Mary Ann, was born in the town of Schuyler. The grandfather, Adam Staring, lived in the town of Manheim. Charles E. Staring married, in October, 1861, Mary C., daughter of Abram and Catharine (Phillips) Grant, of Frankfort, and they have had three children: De Witt C., who died in September, 1892; Carmaleita and Mame. Mr. Staring has always lived in Frankfort. He learned the trade of carpenter and builder in early life, which he has always followed.

Somers, William C., Ohio, was born in Germany, June 13, 1855. His grandfather was a blacksmith in Germany, where he lived and died. His father is George F., a native of Germany. He is also a blacksmith and a farmer. His wife was Rosanna Timber, by whom he had twelve children, eight of whom are living. In 1856 Mr. Somers came to Ohio, where he has since lived, except two years in Poland. Mrs. Somers died May 23, 1888. William C. Somers was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in lumbering and jobbing. In 1885 he leased the William Ash saw-mill and in 1890 purchased the same, and farm in connection. He manufactures about 500,000 feet of lumber yearly. He has been

town clerk two terms and county clerk of the town, elected by the Republicans. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Silliman, George, Norway, was born February 8, 1826. His father was Daniel Silliman, a son of Justice Silliman, who lived and died in Connecticut. The wife of Justice Silliman was Ruth Jennings, who bore him ten children. Daniel Silliman was born in Connecticut, in 1795. His wife was Catherine Sherwood of Connecticut, born 1798. They had eight children. In 1822 Mr. Silliman came to Salisbury. He died in 1844 and his wife in 1891. George Silliman was educated in the common schools and in Fairfield Seminary. In 1852 he married Sarah E. Wood, of Stratford, born July 18, 1832, a daughter of Daniel and Huldah (Jennings) Wood, early settlers of Stratford. They had six children. Mr. Wood died in 1881 and his wife in 1865. The children of subject and wife are: Charles D., Alice A., Edward G., Mary C., Dwight A., and Hiram D. When a young man, Mr. Silliman resided three years in Wisconsin. He afterwards resided thirteen years in Stratford. In 1864 he went to Norway and has lived there since, on a farm of 227 acres. Mr. Silliman is a prohibitionist and he and his wife are Baptists.

Spohn, Frank, Herkimer, was born in the town of Columbia, and educated in the schools of this vicinity, after which for some time he clerked in Ilion. In 1888 he established his present grocery store in Herkimer, which has proved a decided success. He gives employment to three men and delivers goods to all parts of this town. He married Miss Cora Johnson of Columbia, and has one child, a boy, Raymond Spohn. Mr. Spohn's ancestors three generations back settled in Herkimer town, in which vicinity the family has since lived, being identified with local issues and institutions in a marked degree.

Starkweather, Rufus G., Warren, a substantial farmer and stock breeder, was born August 15, 1846, and is a son of Rufus G. and Lucinda (Loomis) Starkweather. The subject traces his parental ancestry back to A. M. Starkweather, who immigrated from England in 1690 and settled in New England. The subject's father was born on the old homestead in Warren, September 23, 1815. He died October 15, 1848. He followed merchandising all his life and held several town offices. Rufus G., the subject of this sketch, was educated at Clinton Academy and Warren's Military school in Poughkeepsie. In 1873 he went to Beloit, Wis., and carried on a private bank three years. Returning he located at Litt'e Falls and ran a bank until in 1878 he settled on his grandfather's homestead and engaged in breeding fine stock. He has been supervisor and is active in politics. He married Jennie Rankins, daughter of John and Matilda Loomis. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Starkweather, but his wife has a daughter by her first husband. Mr. Starkweather is a Mason.

Snyder, Albert E., Norway, was born in Norway, June 8, 1858. He is a son of George Snyder, whose father was an early settler of Boonville, where he spent his life as a farmer. George Snyder was one of a family of three sons and two daughters. He was born in Boonville in 1824, and followed the occupation of farming. His wife was Lydia Case, of Norway, who bore him five sons and two daughters. Mrs. Snyder

was a son of Stephen Case, a native of Massachusetts, and an early settler of Norway, where he died. He was in the war of 1812. Mr. Snyder came to Norway at the age of seven years and there spent the remainder of his life. He was an active Republican and held the offices of deputy sheriff, collector, and constable. He and wife were Methodists. He died March 24, 1888, and his wife died April 13, 1877. Albert E. Snyder was educated in common and select schools, and reared on a farm. April 29, 1883, he married Clarissa White, of Norway, born 1865, who bore him one child, Grace A. Mr. Snyder was formerly a farmer, but for the last five years has manufactured cheese. He is a Republican and attends and supports the M. E. church. He and wife are members of the Y. P. S. C. E. Mrs. Snyder's father was George White, a native of Germany, who at the age of six years came with his parents to America and settled in Deerfield. The wife of George White was Harriet Benjamin, of Norway. Mrs. White died in 1876, and Mr. White now resides in Deerfield.

Snell, Nathan A., Dolgeville, was born at Ingham's Mills, February 3, 1854. He early in life went to live with James P. Brockett, of Brockett's Bridge, in fact was brought up by Mr. Brockett until his eighteenth year, when he started in the cheese business, in which he continued eight years. At the expiration of this period he entered the employ of Alfred Dolge, with whom he yet continues. Mr. Snell first worked at the bench, making sounding boards for six years. Then he entered the felt departments. His worth was appreciated by Mr. Dolge, who appointed him superintendent of the hammer shop (piano hammers). Mr. Snell has been noble grand master of Odd Fellows here for past two terms, director and secretary of the Dolgeville Electric Light and Power Company, a member of the Building and Loan Association, etc. His wife was Miss Jessie Tanner, of Centerville, N. Y. They have one child, a boy. Mr. Snell's father died when he was but two years of age. His mother, who is living, was a daughter of Judge Nathan Brown, of Oppenheim, Fulton county, N. Y.

Sharer, John P., Little Falls, physician and surgeon, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city.

Snyder, H. P., Little Falls, superintendent of the Saxony Knitting Mills, is a native of Amsterdam, but has been in Little Falls for the past seven years. He has been in the knitting business ever since he was nine years old, except a year and a half at school at Catskill. He has been superintendent of the Saxony Mills for five years and is a thorough expert in his business. His family is an old and honest one in New York State and he a worthy representative of the name. He is a prominent member of the Elks, Redmen, and Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican; is a member of the A. O. U. W.; also a member of the firm of Snyder & Fisher, manufacturers and patentees of quarter savers and stop motions for circular rib machines, also builders and patentees of circular rib machinery of the latest improved kind, with office and manufacturing works at Little Falls.

Smith, R. H., Schuyler, supervisor of Schuyler, is a native of this town, born April 6, 1850. In 1874 he married Lida Faulkner. He was elected supervisor of the town in February, 1892. He had always been an active Republican and a delegate to conventions, and has been assessor of the town. His father, Patrick M. Smith, was also a native of Schuyler. The great-grandfather came from Chatham in 1765.

Smith, Hon. George W., Herkimer, is a native of Salisbury, and was educated at Fairfield Seminary, N. Y. He studied law with Capron & Lake and the late Judge Graves of Herkimer; he was editor of the *Herkimer Journal* in 1845, and was admitted to the bar in 1848. In that year he became editor and publisher of the *Northern State Journal* of Watertown, N. Y. In 1851 he removed to Boonville, Oneida county. In 1859 he was elected county judge of Oneida county and re-elected in 1863. From 1886 he was for several years leading editor of the *Utica Daily Observer* and also contributed largely to the columns of the Democratic press of Central New York. On January 1, 1870, he came to Herkimer and entered into a law copartnership with the late Samuel Earl under the firm name of Earl & Smith, succeeding Hon. Robert Earl, then taking his seat in the Court of Appeals. In 1876 he was elected supervisor of the town of Herkimer and the same year was put in nomination for Congress for the Jefferson, Lewis and Herkimer districts, but was defeated. In 1882 he was elected to the Assembly and was chairman of the canal committee. In 1886 he was again a candidate for congressman in the 24th district and was again defeated. He was delegate in 1880 to the Cincinnati Convention and gave the first vote in the New York delegation for General Hancock's nomination. Judge Smith married Miss Sarah B. Hadley, a daughter of the late Dr. Hiram Hadley of Salisbury, and they have three children surviving. He is now engaged in the practice of the law at Herkimer.

Smith, Charles A., Little Falls, was born in Schoharie January 14, 1857. After receiving a good education he worked on a farm for eleven years, then entered the grocery business at Fort Plain. After five years there he moved to Little Falls and went into the bakery and confectionery line. After four years he disposed of this business to engage in the bottling, and later in the Carpet Beating Works at Lockport, N. Y. After two years he again bought out the bakery business and has since successfully conducted it. Mr. Smith married Edith A. Devendorf of Fort Plain.

Smith, George A., Frankfort, one of five children of Alonzo and Samantha (Cutler) Smith, was born in Otsego county September 29, 1842. Alonzo, the father, was a son of Daniel Smith of Connecticut, who was a soldier of the War of 1812. Samantha Cutler, the mother, was a daughter of David Cutler, who was a noted Baptist minister of Vermont, who in 1827 emigrated to New Berlin, Chenango county. He afterwards settled in Plainfield, Otsego county, where he died at the age of eighty-seven. George A. Smith was married January 2, 1868, to Lucinda Holmes of Unadilla Forks, one of nine children of Asa and Eliza (Rood) Holmes. They have two children, Fred and Jesse Smith. In 1862 Mr. Smith began cheese-making with his uncle, C. W. Smith of Exeter. They founded one of the first cheese factories in Otsego county. They came to Frankfort in 1867 and bought the old cheese factory and built a large cheese business. In 1872 he sold out his interest to his uncle, James Smith, and bought a factory in North Winfield which he sold in 1875, and bought another in Cassville, Oneida county, and ran it until 1888, at which time (1888) he was owner and lessee of four factories. In that year he again took up his residence in Frankfort, and was appointed on the New York State Dairy Commission, he being chief dairy expert for the commission; having charge of the instruction work in butter and cheese-making. One important object of



the commission, being to elevate the standard of butter and cheese-making in the State. Mr. Smith attends the Farmers' Institute throughout the State, giving practical instruction to many hundred men interested in this important industry.

Smith, Wm., Herkimer, was born in Herkimer on the 9th day of September, 1814. He was educated in the schools of Utica and Fairfield and Union College, Schenectady, studied law with Gen. Gray of Herkimer, and was admitted to the bar in 1840. Mr. Smith soon gave up the active practice of his profession, his large mercantile and real estate interests requiring his undivided attention. In 1868 he was the prime factor in the establishment of the Herkimer Bank, of which he is president. This bank, one of the leading fiduciary institutions of New York State, owes much of its success to his financiering. Mr. Smith is of Mohawk Dutch descent. He has in his possession the last will and testament of his ancestor, John Geo. Smith, which was drawn in 1730 in Albany. Four generations have since passed away, viz., Martin Smith, a son of John George Smith, John M., a son of Martin, and John Smith, the son of John M. Smith, and father of William Smith. Wm. Smith has held such local offices as trustee, school commissioner, supervisor, president of the village, etc., and has spent nearly all of his life upon the old homestead which descended to him from his ancestors.

Smith, Frederick, Norway, was born in Norway January 9, 1826. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common and select schools. He clerked in Norway about six years and then followed farming. In 1871 he went to Herkimer and was deputy county clerk for five years. November 20, 1851, he married Maria E. Service of Norway, born September 5, 1830, who bore him five children: Ida E., Zenas B., Arthur L., Ruth and Phebe D., all of whom are living. In politics Mr. Smith was an Abolitionist, a Republican, and is now a Prohibitionist. He has been overseer of the poor, justice of the peace, town clerk, and supervisor of Norway. He was census enumerator of Norway in 1865 and Salisbury and Norway in 1870. He published the *Norway Tidings* for four years, beginning January 1, 1887. He has been correspondent of the county press and Utica papers for over thirty years. He and his wife are Methodists. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Jacob and Eliza Service. The parents of Jacob Service were Wm. W. and Asenath Winegar, who settled in Norway in 1880. The father of Fred Smith was Johnson Smith, a son of Jared Smith, jr., whose father was Jared Smith. Jared Smith, sen., was born in Huntington, Conn., July 25, 1741. August 20, 1761, he married Dorcas Beecher. She was born in Huntington June 15, 1744. She was a great-aunt of Henry Ward Beecher. The children of Mr. Smith and wife were four sons and one daughter. Dorcas Smith died August 20, 1779, and May 5, 1783, Mr. Smith married Mary Johnson of South Britain, Conn. Mr. Smith died March 13, 1813, in Salisbury, Conn. His second wife died July 17, 1815. Jared Smith, jr., was born at Southbury April 11, 1766. January 14, 1787, he married Dorcas Johnson of the same town. In 1797 Mr. Smith and family came to Norway. The family of Mr. Smith and wife consisted of one son and five daughters. In politics he was a Whig. In 1816 he was appointed justice of the peace and held the office eight years. He was lieutenant and afterwards captain of a military company. He died in Norway March 26, 1845. His wife died May 16, 1851. Johnson Smith was born in Norway



October 30, 1798. January 13, 1825 he married Sarah Salisbury, born in Fairfield September 6, 1798. They had six children. In politics he was a Whig, Know Nothing, and afterwards a Republican. He held minor town offices. He was a member of the M. E. Church. His wife died in 1844 and Mr. Smith in 1847 married Harriet Hine of Norway, a daughter of Russell and Allie Hine. His second wife died in 1892. Mr. Smith died in Norway March 30, 1869. He was a kind parent and good citizen.

Huntley, Eugene P., Litchfield, was born in Winfield March 1, 1838, and settled in Litchfield in 1867, on the farm where he now lives. He married Annette Faulkner, a native of Columbia, by whom he had three children: James L., Ada M., and Elbert E. Eugene P. Huntley, is a son of Lester, a native of West Exeter, Otsego county, who was a son of James Huntley. Four of his children are living: Lyman, Elisha, Loren and Mrs. Myron Eldred. Lester Huntley, had seven children: Jackson M., Sarah A., Eugene P., Alice E. Hay, Byron L., Josephine Stuart and J. Frank Huntley. One of the above children is dead.

Sweet, Burton J., Norway, was born in Norway July 20, 1836. He is a son of Jesse Sweet, a son of Wanton Sweet, a native of Rhode Island, born October 6, 1776. When a young man Wanton Sweet came to Salisbury and there in 1800 married Olive Carr of Salisbury, born 1783. They reared twelve children. Mr. Sweet died February 2, 1850, and his wife died October 1, 1856. Jesse Sweet was born in Salisbury in 1802. March 10, 1831, he married Elizabeth Potter and had four children. While on a journey to the west looking for land he died in Ohio in 1837. Burton J. Sweet was educated in the common and select schools. He now owns the farm on which he was born. In 1871 he married Emily M. Crain of Evans Mills, Jefferson county, born 1843. Their children are Ward B., Arthur H., Bertha E., Jessie V. and Annie M. Mr. Sweet is a Prohibitionist. He has been highway commissioner three years and a member of Norway Grange 568. Mrs. Sweet is a Baptist. The parents of Mrs. Sweet were Isaac and Mertilla (Root) Crain. Mr. Crain died March 11, 1888, and Mrs. Crain died February, 1883.

Squire, A. M., Russia, born January 3, 1819 in Russia, a son of John D., who was a son of Stoddard D. Squire, native of Woodbury, Conn., born November 8, 1758, whose grandfather was Rev. Anthony Stoddard of New England. About 1792 Stoddard Squire settled in Russia, and married October 24, 1781, Theodosia French, by whom he had three sons and one daughter. He moved to Manchester, Vt., with his father and in 1792 came to Russia with his father and died in 1833. For many years he kept an inn. He died at the age of seventy and his wife at the age of eighty-five. John G. Squire was born in Manchester, Vt., 1785, and came with his parents to Russia. His wife was Robby Smith of Fairfield, and they had four sons and three daughters. Mr. Squire was drafted in the war of 1812. He was a Whig. He was assessor and school commissioner several years. He and wife were Episcopalians. He died in 1873 and his wife in 1851. A. M. Squire was reared on a farm and learned the carpenter trade. For many years he was a mover of buildings. He has also manufactured sleighs and kept a repair shop. For forty years he has been engaged in the manufacture of cider. January, 1853, he married Sarah M. Shaw, a native of Cold Brook,

born September 9, 1828. Her parents were John and Phebe (Hulet) Shaw, early settlers of the town, who had five sons and seven daughters. Mr. Shaw died in 1830 and wife died in 1829. Mr. Squire and wife have had three sons and one daughter. Mr. Squire is a Republican.

Smith, Bartlett J., Winfield, one of the representative farmers of Winfield, where he was born April 1, 1827, and settled on the farm where he now lives April 1, 1851. He is a son of Samuel, who was born April 19, 1800, in this town and died October, 1880. He was a son of Deacon Larkin Smith, who came from Barre, Mass., and settled in Winfield in 1794. Subject's mother was Mary Ann, daughter of Jonathan Bartlett. She was born March 18, 1805, and is now living in West Winfield. J. Bartlett Smith married Cornelia, daughter of Samuel McKee, of Winfield, September 18, 1850, and they have three children: Samuel McKee, Ada C., and Flora A. Crossette.

Smith, Larkin D., Winfield, was born January 3, 1825, in Winfield, on the old homestead, and is a son of Samuel Smith, who was born on the same farm February 17, 1800, and died October 14, 1881. He was a son of Larkin Smith, who came to Winfield in 1794, and settled on the old homestead, now owned by one of his grandsons. He was born in Barre, Mass., October 13, 1770, and died April 19, 1842. Larkin D. Smith, enlisted in the War of the Rebellion September 5, 1862, in Company E, One Hundred Fifty-Second New York Volunteer Infantry, and served until his discharge for disability, September 12, 1864. He married Mrs. Maria R. Burdick, June 13, 1879. She was a daughter of Warren Williams, of Augusta, Oneida county. Mr. Smith bought the mills at Chepachet in 1865, rebuilt them and run them about eighteen years. He then removed to the farm where he now lives, known as the Kellogg farm.

Silliman, Gould, resides in Russia. He is a farmer but for many years was a contractor and builder of Ilion, and erected buildings in different parts of the county. He was born in Frankfort, April 26, 1834. He went to Winfield about 1850, where he learned the trade. In about 1864 he moved to Ilion, where he followed the same business, and from there went to Russia in 1881, where he now lives. He married Milla A. Hall, by whom he has four children: Frona, Horace G., Edith M., Daniel B. Gould Silliman is a son of Daniel Gould Silliman, born in Danbury, Conn., who settled in Frankfort about 1830, where he died August 9, 1849, aged fifty-nine years. Mrs. Milla A. Silliman was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, October 22, 1838, a daughter of Shubal Hull, who died aged thirty-four years. Daniel Gould Silliman, was born in Danbury, Conn., and came here with his father, Benjamin Silliman. The latter married Anna Gould, of Connecticut and moved to Delaware county, N. Y. Daniel Gould Silliman married Mrs. Polly Brockway, daughter of Luther Cloyce, a native of Connecticut, who early settled in Frankfort.

Sholes, Nelson W., Winfield, was born in Jefferson county, May 22, 1822, a son of Roderick Sholes, who was born in Connecticut, where he lived until about four years of age, when he came, about 1802, with his mother and one brother and one sister, to Plainfield, Otsego county, and settled there. He married, about 1820, Zama Cole, a native of Otsego county, by whom he had four sons and two daughters, of whom four survive: Nelson W., Newton, Elijah C., and Julia. Two died, Mary and Roderick.

Nelson W. Sholes came to Winfield, December 1, 1858, and married, February 2, 1860, Mrs. Almira M. Bardin, daughter of Ebenezer Morgan. She has one son, Parke M. Bardin. Nelson W. Sholes is a farmer and has been justice here about sixteen years. He was treasurer of the Odd Fellows' lodge at the time it was discontinued in West Winfield. He was elected one of the board of trustees of the West Winfield Academy March, 1874, and held that position until the school was graded. He was treasurer of the academy for a number of years, and also of the graded school. He was a member of the Board of Education for two terms, and now is one of the trustees of the West Winfield Cemetery Association, also its treasurer. Parke M. Bardin was the first station agent of the D. L. & W. R. R. at West Winfield.

Taylor, J. R., Little Falls, the leading hardware merchant of Little Falls, is a native of Albany. He has spent most of his life in New York city, Michigan and Little Falls. He was engaged in the insurance business in Chicago for a few years. In 1886 he embarked in the hardware business in Little Falls, the firm being Taylor, Cooke & Co. In 1890 the name was changed to Taylor & Markham and in 1892 he assumed control of the whole business. He is essentially one of the leading men in Little Falls, judged by his ability and success. He is secretary and treasurer of the Little Falls Excelsior and Lumber Company, and has been of the Board of Health. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' Society and the Lodge of Elks and was captain of a military company at Port Huron, Mich., in 1874. He comes of an illustrious family which has resided in America for seven generations. His grandfather was John Taylor, Mayor of the city of Albany, 1824. He is connected with the Taylors of Albany, and the Richmonds of Richmond Manor and the Wotherspoons of New York.

Timmerman, L. & Son, Little Falls, coal dealers of Little Falls, are numbered among the representative men of Herkimer county. The father, L. Timmerman, is a native of Manheim Center and followed the occupation of farmer up to eighteen years ago, when he came to Little Falls and embarked in the coal business. He has taken a prominent part in local affairs in Little Falls, having been trustee of the village four terms or eight years, and has been president of the Y. M. C. A. for the past ten years. The coal firm was first Gillman, Brown, Loucks & Timmerman, then Gillman & Timmerman, until May 1, 1882, when Mr. Timmerman conducted it alone until February 1, 1887, when O. W. Timmerman was admitted to the firm, and it has since been conducted under the present name. O. W. Timmerman belongs to what may be called the younger circle of leading business men of Little Falls. He holds a high degree in the Masonic order, is a member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Shrine; of the Elks, the Royal Arcanum and other important organizations. His wife was Marguerite Eugenie Christman, of Herkimer, N. Y.

Turner, Louis Herkimer, was born in Germany, 1852. He came to this country July 5, 1869. He started at farming in Lewis county. Then he came to Utica, Oneida county, 1871, and started in the butcher business. He remained there for five years and married Miss Mary Everheart in 1883, from there he went to Mohawk in 1875 to 1877, and then to Herkimer, and in 1881 established a business for himself. In 1883 he was elected in the ranks of K. of P. In 1884 he became a member of I. O. O. F.

His business has been successful and he has two sons. In 1890 he was elected as trustee of the village of Herkimer.

Trenbeth, Frank, Herkimer, was born in Rochester, N. Y. His father, Henry Trenbeth, moved from Rochester to Herkimer when the subject of this brief sketch was but a child. He therefore received his education in the local schools, and afterwards was for four years connected with the Herkimer Bank. In June, 1888, he, in connection with his father, established their present grocery house. Frank Trenbeth married Miss Carrie M. French of Rochester, N. Y., and has two children, both girls. Frank Trenbeth is a Mason. Henry Trenbeth was born in England. At eight years of age he was brought to Canada, and at the close of the war he moved to Rochester, N. Y. In 1868 he again moved for the last time to Herkimer, N. Y., where he has since resided. His wife was Miss Mary Riddell of Ontario. Frank Trenbeth is his only surviving child. Henry Trenbeth is a Royal Arch Mason, a charter member of the A. O. U. W., and both members of the firm are associated with leading social and benevolent institutions.

Tine, G. Frank, Frankfort, one of seven children of George and Catherine (Allman) Tine, was born in Herkimer, March 4, 1859. George, the father, was born in Bavaria, and his wife, Catharine, was born in Germany. G. F. was married December 29, 1881, to Cora Belle, one of six children of Daniel and Maria (Putman) Brudenbecker of East Schuyler. He worked for twelve years in the Remington works at Ilion, the last six years as tool maker. About six years ago he entered the employ of the West Shore railroad at their shops in Frankfort, where he remains, he being foreman of the tool department at the works. Since 1889 he has been engaged with his brother in running a news room, book and general notion store, under the name of Tine Brothers.

Thomas, J. F., German Flats, was born in Herkimer, June 20, 1836. He was at first a farmer and then in the canal business. He then began contract work in the gun factory and remained there thirty-three years as master mechanic and contractor. He was also contractor for the State of New York for seven years and superintendent of section four of the canal. In 1883 he bought the Ilion Opera House, now the Thomas Opera House and has since devoted his attention to it and his real estate interests. He has been president of the village, trustee and water commissioner. In 1856 he married Miss Libby A. McChesney.

Thomson, E. O. W., Herkimer, of the firm of Prowse & Thomson, is a native of Holland Patent, near Utica, and came to Herkimer in 1884, to enter the present partnership. He was educated at Holland Patent Academy, the Holbrook Military Academy, and at Fort Plain. He married Miss Addie E. Hubbard and they have one child. Mr. Thomson is quite a young man, having taken a half interest in this large business when just twenty-one years of age. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and the A. O. U. W., and is a Republican in politics.

Taber, Peleg, Newport, came from the town of Danby, Rutland county, Vt., and settled on the Turnpike, between Herkimer and Little Falls. He next moved on the first farm north of the County house, and then he and his son, Albert, purchased the first

farm west of the County House, which they sold to Walter Taber, and bought the adjoining farm west. Peleg Taber married a Miss Cole, and their children were as follows: Hannah Cummings, William C., Albert, Walter and John, all residents of the county through life except Hannah. Albert married Nancy, daughter of Henry J. and Nancy Myers, and their children were William Henry (deceased); Helen L., John A. and Ira (deceased). John followed farming and married January 11, 1860, Annette, daughter of Robert and Nancy Stewart. Her father came here when she was young. Their children were Minnie, Stewart J., Etta and Bertie. John Taber started for himself as a farmer at the age of twenty. For six years he worked by the month, then on his marriage he rented a farm in Montgomery county, where he remained three years. Returning to Herkimer county he worked at the carpenter's trade, and then moved to Orange county, where he remained three years, working for his uncle, Samuel J. Stewart. He then moved to Fairfield, remaining thirteen years, for two years being in the hotel business. He was also an officer and made a specialty of collections. In 1881 he purchased his president residence. He has held the offices of constable for twenty-four years, deputy sheriff nine years, collector and chief of police of Middleville. Ira, son of Albert, was a soldier in the late war, enlisting in Company I, 121st N. Y. Volunteers. He was disabled and brought home from Frederick City.

Tanner, Merritt W., Schuyler, was born in Schuyler, November 23, 1839. He engaged in farming and the butter trade. He was in business in Iowa for about five years. His father was Hiram B. Tanner, and his grandfather was William Tanner, who came here from Rhode Island. In 1861 Mr. Tanner married Libbie A. Frank, daughter of John C. Frank, of Fort Herkimer, and has only one son living, Almon M., who is also married and has two children: Blanche L. and Almon M. jr.

Trenham, William T., Winfield, is one of the assessors of the town of Winfield, and the leading contractor and builder. His building operations extend over six different counties. He has followed this for forty years. William T. Trenham was born in Oneida county, September 14, 1833, and married Susanah Eames of that county, by whom he has two children: Mary E. and Gertrude B.

Thomas, Charles D., Winfield, attorney, was born August 15, 1861, in Winfield, a son of John M. and Dorcas G. Thomas. He was educated at West Winfield Academy and read law with George M. Aylesworth, of West Winfield, Sutton & Morehouse and Spriggs, Mathews & Spriggs, of Utica; was admitted to practice October 10, 1884. He immediately went to Watertown and formed a co-partnership with E. P. Webb, under the firm name of Webb & Thomas. This co-partnership was dissolved January 3, 1885, and shortly after he moved to West Winfield. On February 4 he opened an office in the Huntley block. He remained there until April 1, 1887, when he moved into the Mairs block, where he is now located. On August 5, 1883, he was married to Jennie M. Louden, of Rome.

Taylor, Noadiah D., Winfield, farmer and dealer in cattle, wool, etc., is a son of Timothy C., whose father was Samuel Taylor, a native of Meriden, Conn., and one of the first settlers of Plainfield, Otsego county. Subject's mother was Clarissa, daughter of

Timothy Walker, who settled in West Winfield and built the first grist-mill in 1808. He cleared a large tract of land where West Winfield is now situated. Noadiah D. was born at West Exeter, Otsego county, July 5, 1827, settled in West Winfield in 1856 and built his present house that year. He married in 1854 Lodema S. Brown, who died December 11, 1881, aged fifty-one years. She was a daughter of Hiram and Susan (Gorton) Brown.

Seckner, Francis A., Winfield, has a hop, dairy, fruit and grain farm of about 240 acres; also a store in Chepachet, where he has been postmaster for about ten years. He was born in Columbia, March 4, 1848, a son of Jacob Seckner, jr., a native of Herkimer county, and he is a son of Jacob Seckner, born in Jacksonburg, September 13, 1789, died February 2, 1878, who was one of the earliest settlers of the town of Columbia. His wife was Elizabeth Crouch, born in Herkimer, July 7, 1792, died January 16, 1869. The father of Jacob, sr., was Conrad Seckner, of Germany. The great aunt of Jacob Seckner, jr., whose name was Harter, was scalped by the Indians during the Revolutionary War and left for dead, but she recovered and lived many years after to relate her terrible experience. Chauncey, brother of Jacob, jr., has in his possession a spade used in Revolutionary days in building the fort at Herkimer. Jacob, jr., was born March 29, 1814, and died December 21, 1876. He married March 29, 1837, Mandana, daughter of Phineas Whitney, of German Flats, who died September 2, 1847, and his wife, Deborah Palmer, died March 24, 1858. Jacob Seckner, jr., had seven children: Irvin W., died June 8, 1859; Phineas G., died March 21, 1876; Euphema, who married George H. Edick; Fanny, who married Newbern R. Myers; Almira, who married James S. Ginby; Alfred E., who married Laura Shaul, and Francis Seckner, who married Helen F. Tyson, November 7, 1870, and they have four children: Fanny L., Leon E., Helen F. and Bessie M., all living at home with their parents. Francis Seckner settled on the farm where he now lives in 1871. It is partly in Winfield and partly in Richfield, Otsego county.

Graves, Solomon, Russia, was born February 24, 1819, in Russia, N. Y., a son of John, who was a son of Russell. John Graves was born December 22, 1778, and came from Stephentown, Rensselaer county, to Newport, this county, at the age of sixteen, with his only property, an ax, on his shoulder, jobbing it in clearing land till he bought land of his own, which he cleared up and paid for by his own personal exertions. He first purchased 106 acres of land, on which subject now resides, afterwards adding 144 acres, making 250 in all. September 30, 1800, he married Abigail Munn, born December 27, 1780, by whom he had three sons, Crosby, Ezra and John R. She died December 27, 1816, and in 1818 he married Esther Smith, a native of Rhode Island, born December 19, 1784, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. Mr. Graves was a Jacksonian Democrat and afterwards a Republican. He was sheriff of Herkimer county one term, justice of the peace, school commissioner, supervisor many times and was twice elected member of the Assembly. He died in 1855 and his wife died in 1860. Solomon Graves was educated in the common schools of Russia, in Clinton Liberal Institute and Union College, graduating from the latter in 1842. April 27, 1842, he married Margaret Smith, a native of Williamsville, Erie county, born February 27, 1821, a



daughter of Oziel Smith, of Clarendon, Rutland county, Vt., born April 17, 1784, in Clarendon, Rutland county, Vt., and Phoebe Norton, born October 22, 1789, in Richmond, Berkshire county, Mass. Mr. Smith and wife had four daughters and one son. He died January 3, 1836, and his wife March 13, 1890, at the age of 100 years. To Mr. Graves and wife were born five children: Edward O., Crosby J., Charles A., William H. and Jessie, the latter two deceased. Mr. Graves taught school a short time and then engaged in farming on the old homestead until 1850. He next purchased property in Geneva, N. Y., and resided there a short time, but soon returned to the old homestead, where he remained until 1873, when he sold out, and, in 1876, went to Washington, D. C., and engaged in the manufacture of ornamental and architectural terra cotta work and sewer pipe for four years. In 1889 he bought back the old homestead, where he has since resided. He was an early and earnest Republican, and has been school commissioner a number of years and supervisor five years. In 1859 he represented the first district of Herkimer county in the Assembly. He is a member of Newport lodge, No. 455, F. and A. M.

Bailey, Thomas, Little Falls, was born and received his education in Little Falls. In 1872 he entered the manufacturing establishment, of which his father is president, in a clerical capacity. He now, in the absence of the president, fills his position, attending to the buying, selling and general outside business. Mr. Bailey has been for a number of years prominent in political and social circles; he served as alderman for four years consecutively, and in the fall of 1890 was elected to the responsible position of county treasurer upon the Republican ticket. His father and brother have also held public office. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Royal Arcanum, Odd Fellows, Elks, and the popular leader of the well known Little Falls band, he being a very accomplished cornet player.

Hanchett, N. A., German Flats, was born in Oneida county March 31, 1845. He early showed a preference for the grocery business, in which he is now engaged. He came to Ilion over twenty years ago, and was for some time employed in the Armory. He has been in his present business for several years. Mr. Hanchett is a Mason, an Odd Fellow, a member of the A. O. U. W. and the order of the Eastern Star. He has been trustee of the village two years. His father was Nelson D. Hanchett, also a native of Oneida county.

Van Buren, Jacob, Dolgeville, was born in Oppenheim Center January 25, 1827. His father and grandfather were born in Coxsackie, on the Hudson. His grandfather was a brother to Martin's father. Jacob received a good common school education, and moved with his father to Brockett's Bridge in 1834. His father then engaged in the manufacture of lead pipe, furniture, undertaking and millwright business, etc. In 1851 he engaged with Seth Thomas for one year as machinist in his clock shops at Plymouth Hollow, Conn. In the fall of 1852 he engaged with James & Ferris in Utica, manufacturers of telescopes for their target rifles. In 1854 he went West. In 1864 he engaged with Judge J. D. Caton in his Illinois and Mississippi telegraph shops in Ottawa, Ill. Some two years after the judge sold out to the Western Union. Van Buren stopped with the Western Union, took charge of the engine and machinery, made tools,

dies, etc., until the Western Union removed their works in 1874 to Chicago. In 1875 he removed to Joliet as engineer in the Joliet Steel Mill Water Works. During his life in the West he filled many important public offices, such as city marshal, collector, etc. In 1877 he returned to Brockett's Bridge and entered the employ of Alfred Dolge as machinist. In 1878 he drafted and invented the most part of the first hammer felt machine; made the machine in Mr. Dolge's factory, the only one said to be in existence at that time, which was greatly in advance of the old tread-mill style. In 1879 he invented and drafted a glue table with a series of slots running lengthwise for glueing piano sounding boards, which was a success. In 1880 Mr. Van Buren invented a knife forty-eight inches long for cutting heavy hammer felt. In 1882 the second hammer felt machine was made by him on a much larger scale, which did excellent work. About his last work there was getting up a new style of post adjustable box for Mr. Dolge's heavy shafting and overseeing the setting of his large engine. In 1883, his health having failed him, he resigned and retired from mechanical work.

Vosburgh, Charles W., was born in Little Falls and received his education at the academy here. After being engaged in clerking, book-keeping, etc., for several years, he formed a partnership with Leigh & Company in the grocery line, and later a co-partnership with a Mr. Shaut in the same business, the firm being known as Shaut & Vosburgh. After this for a time he conducted the City Market, which he disposed of in 1890 and entered the Little Falls post-office as assistant postmaster. This position he still retains. Mr. Vosburgh is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Elks, Red Men and of the Fire Department, Little Falls Commandery, Ziyara Temple of Utica, etc. He married Katie M. Sharp, of Little Falls.

Van Dieman, Paul, German Flats, was born in Hamburg, Germany, January 14, 1863, and came to America in 1874. He learned the trade of die-cutter and engraver in Chicago and New York, and came to Ilion in September, 1890. He cuts the original dies for making type for the Remington Standard Typewriter. Mr. Van Dieman married Pauline Wilhelm December 31, 1886. His father, C. P. H. Van Diemen, once conducted the largest express business in Hamburg, Germany.

Pierce, John, Little Falls, was born in Johnstown, N. Y., September 7, 1863. He learned the trade of baker and confectioner in Wheeling, W. Va. He came to Little Falls in 1884, remaining there until 1886, when he went into the employ of the New York Central Railroad, thence to Gloversville, N. Y., and back to Little Falls in 1887. In 1889 he went to Utica and returned to Little Falls in 1890, starting the Manheim bakery April 28 of that year. Mr. Pierce does a thriving business, having built up his trade through superior products. He married Nora Williams, and they have one son.

Van Gumster, sr., John, Ilion, was born in Holland in 1839. He came to America in 1848 with his parents, who first located in Troy, N. Y. They subsequently took up residence in Syracuse, N. Y., where the subject of this sketch learned the trade of gunsmith. His father was also an expert gunmaker. In 1861 he came to Ilion and became a contractor with E. Remington's Sons, with whom he remained until 1885. Since that time he has been one year with Elson and two years with the Winchester



Repeating Arms Company of New Haven, Conn. He is a Republican in politics, has been a delegate to important conventions, and holds the position of trustee of this village at the present time.

Van Valkenburg, C. A., Manheim, was born in Manheim July 8, 1836. He was married to Alida M. Schuyler June 17, 1868. His father, Vrial, was born in August, 1795. His mother was Catherine Driesbach, a sister of the celebrated lion tamer. Mr. Van Valkenburg has lived on the farm he now owns forty-nine years. His father settled here in the spring of 1837. Mr. Van Valkenburg moved from the farm October 20, 1886, to where he now lives, No. 540 East Monroe street. Mr. Van Valkenburg received most of his education in the district schools, except one year in the Little Falls Academy and one term at Fort Plain Seminary. Mr. Van Valkenburg took the management of his farm at the age of twenty, making butter and cheese. Two years later he started a market garden on a very small scale in connection with cheese-making, and gradually increased the garden business for twenty-five years, then growing fifteen acres of vegetables, which he has run since, making thirty-four years in all. In 1886 he started a milk route, which he has run since in connection with gardening.

Van Vechten, Charles F., Norway, was born August 9, 1836. His father was Harmon Van Vechten, a son of Peter Van Vechten, who lived and died in Rensselaer county. The wife of Peter was Jane Waldron, who bore him four sons and four daughters. Harmon Van Vechten was born in May 23, 1813. He married Rony H. Austin, and they had eight sons and five daughters. In 1851 Mr. Van Vechten came to Norway and there resided until his death in 1883. His widow is a member of the M. E. church and now resides with Charles F. Van Vechten. Mrs. Van Vechten was born in Salisbury in 1823, and was a daughter of William S. and Lucy (Barnes) Austin, who were the parents of nine children. Charles F. Van Vechten is a farmer and dairyman. He owns 276 acres of the old homestead where he was born and reared. He was educated in the common schools.

Whiteman, Henry, Little Falls, was born in the town of Thompson, Windham county, Conn., 1819. His father died when he was nine years old, leaving a wife and three small children. He and his sister were put to work in a factory immediately after his father's death. In the year 1830 his mother with her children moved to Utica, N. Y., caring for them by taking boarders. He was engaged in various pursuits until 1846, when he engaged in mercantile business, continued two years at De Ruyter, Madison county, N. Y. He was married in De Ruyter, in 1846, to Mary Jane Colkins, daughter of Washington Colkins, of Earlville, N. Y. He followed other occupations until 1854, when he removed to Little Falls, N. Y., where he has since remained. In 1869 he received the appointment of collector of canal tolls from a Democratic canal board, which position he held for four successive years. In 1873 he engaged as general agent for the Warrior Mower Machine Company, which position he held for about sixteen years. His business as general agent took him through all the northern States and territories. During his engagement with the Warrior Mower Company he made a fine geological collection, which will compare favorably with any private geological collection in the State. In 1870 he was appointed overseer of the poor of the town of Little Falls, which position he yet retains.

Kelsey, George, Little Falls, was born at Fort Plain, Montgomery county, N. Y., November 18, 1865. He received a good common school education, and afterwards learned the trade of baker, at which trade he worked for several prominent establishments in Little Falls, and in the spring of 1892 established a wholesale business in this village. He supplies stores, hotels, etc., and his goods reach all parts of this county. He gives employment to several skilled bakers, and supervises all operations himself. Mr. Kelsey married Alice A. Brigham, of Graefenburg Spa; and they have two sons, Leon P. and Charles H. Mr. Kelsey's manufactory is at No. 6 Mohawk street. He also has a retail store for the sale of fine home-made bakestuffs and confectionery at No. 321 Second street.

Wood, D. R., Fairfield, is one of the prominent farmers of Fairfield, owning 625 acres of dairy farms. He raises a large number of young stock annually to keep up his large herd of milch cows. His grandfather, John Wood, was a Revolutionary soldier in Rhode Island, but afterwards settled in this State. In 1844 Mr. D. R. Wood married Lydia Emily Fenner, daughter of G. F. Fenner, and they have a family of four sons and five daughters. Mr. Wood is a Democrat and all of his sons except one are the same.

Washburn, Elisha, Herkimer, was born in Westchester county, N. Y., near Sing Sing, upon the 13th day of August, 1832. His family removed into Otsego county when Elisha was about three years of age. He received his educational advantages here and in the town of Plainfield, and followed farming until 1857, when he sold his farm of 160 acres and bought the Temperance House of Herkimer of Eli Taylor. After keeping this house for some years he sold it to Messrs. Fields & Curtis, and established a flour and feed store, and in 1864 bought the Bellinger flouring mills, with which Mr. Washburn has since been connected. In 1886 he sold out one half interest of mill to his former manager, G. M. Helmer, and the firm name is E. Washburn and G. M. Helmer now. He is a staunch Prohibitionist in politics, also a protectionist. Mr. Washburn is of English descent, and traces his ancestry in this county to before Revolutionary times, with which they were identified, also the war of 1812. The Washburn family hold a re-union each year, which over 100 representatives attend. Mr. Washburn married Miss Eunice Newton Rice of Otsego county, in 1834, a descendant of Sir James Newton Rice. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

Warren, Halsey W., Little Falls, general insurance and newspaper correspondent, was born in Amsterdam, N. Y., February 9, 1857. He was educated at the Amsterdam Academy. He followed civil engineering for eight years and settled in Little Falls after the completion of the West Shore railroad, in which he was employed three years. In 1884 he established a general insurance agency. His ancestors were prominent in the history of the country. The late Hon. Platt Potter, of Schenectady, was his grandmother's brother. Mr. Warren has been a trustee of the village for four years, 1889-1893, besides being elected to other political offices. While trustee he was foremost in all improvements to the place, among them being the lighting of the village by electricity. In 1883 he was married to Nancy C. Staring, daughter of Peter A. Staring. Her mother was the daughter of the late Gen. Abram G. Rosecrantz, of State militia

fame and a descendant of Capt. George Henry Bell, a brother-in-law of Gen. Nicholas Herkimer, who was wounded in the battle of Oriskany. Mr. Warren is a prominent member of the Odd Fellows, B. P. O. Elks, Royal Arcanum and Improved Order of Red Men.

Walker, L. N., German Flats, was born in New Hampshire, February 14, 1845, and has been a mechanic all his life. He came to Ilion in 1871 and entered the armory and during the past four years has been a contractor in assembling and finishing. In 1866 he married Kate E. Sartelle, daughter of Calvin Sartelle. Mr. Walker was captain of the celebrated Ilion rifle team, and is a prominent Mason.

Wright, Grant B., Danube, was born on the old farm of 100 acres at Paine's Hollow, which is still in possession of his grandfather, Isaac Wright. About five years ago they moved into Newville and established a general store, which they have since conducted. Grant B. Wright married Nellie Schuyler, a daughter of Lon Schuyler. They have two children, Bessie and Harry. Grant B. has served as tax collector, etc., besides which he is also postmaster of Newville. His grandfather was a soldier in the Revolution.

Wicks, J. D., German Flats, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., January 29, 1849, and learned his profession of electro-metallurgist in New York city. He has been in Ilion five years and does all the electro-plating for the Typewriter company. He is an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Royal Arcanum and Knights of Pythias. In 1873 Mr. Wicks married Ida A. Crissey and they have one son, Charles D. Wicks. J. Leander Wicks, father of J. D., is a sea captain, and the family have all been seafaring men for generations.

Wilson, A. C., Fairfield, is a native of the town of Manheim and was born in 1847. He works the Teall farm, owned jointly by Mrs. Wilson and her sister, Marion E. Teall, a farm of 200 acres and a herd of forty cows. In 1875 he married Miss Sarah C. Teall, daughter of S. Teall, and they have a family of three children, two sons and one daughter. Mr. Wilson has been a successful man and has been commissioner of highways. He is a member of the grange and of the Republican party. His grandfather was a resident of Jefferson county and his father, Daniel C. Wilson, was a well-known citizen of Fairfield.

Wayne, William, Frankfort, was born in New Scotland, Albany county, June 12, 1849. His father was Anthony Wayne, and his mother Elizabeth (Reid) Wayne. His grandfather, George Wayne, was also born on the family homestead in New Scotland. His great-grandfather, Anthony Wayne, came from Derbyshire, England, about the year 1770. Soon after the close of the war he came to this country and settled in New Scotland. In 1785 he gave a half acre of ground for educational purposes and to-day a new school building stands upon the spot. William Wayne was married January 10, 1883, to Glenova Becker, of Central Bridge, a daughter of Abram and Ellen (Wands) Becker. They have one son, Raymond B. Wayne. Since 1870 Mr. Wayne has done business as a carpenter and builder, living in Frankfort since 1884, engaging in building and selling houses—employing some fifteen men in his business.

Weigand, A. E., German Flats, was born in Berlin, Prussia, April 6, 1853, and there learned the trade of designer and woodcarver. He came to Ilion in 1878, and has since been a contractor in the armory, doing all the ornamenting and chequering on the gun stocks. He was the first to educate women in this art and employ them in America. In 1878 he married Sarah Miller, daughter of Adolphus Miller, a clergyman of Cleveland, O.

Warner, Robert, W., M. D., German Flats, is a native of Baltimore, Md., and was born January 23, 1859. He studied in Ilion Academy and with Dr. Maben, and graduated in 1880 from Albany Medical College, the same year opening an office in Ilion. He is a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society; of Ilion Lodge, No. 591, F. and A. M.; Iroquois Chapter, No. 236, R. A. M., and Khorassan Grotto, No. 2, Veiled Prophets. He was coroner for six years and health officer for about the same length of time. He is now first lieutenant and assistant surgeon of the Thirty-first Separate company, N. G. S. N. Y. In 1886 he married Louise M. Schmidt, of Ilion.

Weaver, Walter, Dolgeville, was born in Oppenheim, July 10, 1868. He received a good common school education, and was then engaged in farming for six seasons. After this he became clerk for a prominent house in Dolgeville, and after serving in that capacity for over two years, he established his present shoe and men's furnishing establishment. Mr. Weaver is of Mohawk Dutch descent, and of Revolutionary antecedents. He is a member of the Good Templars and Knights of S. F. I. He is an active member of the Methodist church, Epworth League, etc.

Whitfield, Walter, German Flats, was born in Manchester, England, in 1844, and came to America in 1850, settling in Ilion. He was for many years in the gun shops here, in the pistol department. He entered the armory in 1859, but has been in the Typewriter company since its organization. In 1861 he enlisted in the 101st New York Infantry, and served two years. Mr. Whitfield is a Mason, and a member of the Little Falls Commandery, No. 26. In 1865 he married Emily Hos, and they have three children living.

Whitney, Henry G., German Flats, was born in German Flats, January 28, 1826, and remained on the farm until about twenty-eight years of age, when he went into the livery business and remained up to the present year. He is interested in trotting stock. He is a Mason and an active Republican. In February, 1872, Mr. Whitney married Elmira L. Folts and they have one son, Frank C., who is a law student.

Wright, Isaac, Stark. For six generations the Wright family have lived and tilled the soil in this town. Isaac Wright's father was in the war of 1812, and his grandfather was in the War of the Revolution. One brother and three nephews participated in the War of the Rebellion, one of the latter died in Andersonville, and his brother received a wound which ultimately resulted in his death. Squire Wright was born in 1815 on the homestead farm. He married Catie M. Deck, by whom he has had seven children, four of whom survive. He owns a dairy farm of 100 acres and keeps twenty-five head of stock. Mr. Wright was elected justice of the peace, which position he held sixteen years. He has also served as inspector of elections, commissioner of highways, etc.; inspector of schools in 1838, assessor and notary public.

Watts, J. W., German Flats, was born in Scotland in 1866 and was brought to this country in his infancy. He studied at Whitesboro Seminary, and for the bar in the office of Goodwin & Swan, of Utica, and was admitted to the bar April 20, 1889. He has fine abilities and has advanced himself to his present position at the bar by his rare energy. He opened an office in Mohawk in October, 1892, and still retains his office in Utica. His father, James Watts, resides in Whitesboro, and is an inspector of the New York Mills.

Wetherwax, A. L., Little Falls, proprietor of the Rockton House, Little Falls, has been one of the greatest cheese dealers and manufacturers of this State or country. He has made 4,500,000 pounds of cheese, and of this he made 3,500,000 in the Newville factory, which he conducted for eleven years. He took a prize for his cheese at the Centennial exposition in 1876. In 1869 he made four large cheeses for a Christmas dinner in London, England, weighing 980 pounds, and in 1870 made four more for the same party, weighing 1,380 pounds, and for all these got 24 cents per pound, when the best cheese was selling for 17 cents. He first made cheese in Oneida in 1864, and a year latter came to Manheim. In 1868 he came to Newville. In his commission business he was very successful, and in one day (September 10, 1887,) bought \$12,700 worth of cheese for J. S. Martin & Co., of No. 168 Chambers street, New York. Mr. Wetherwax is a native of this State, and his ancestors came from Germany about two centuries ago. He was born in 1831.

Wallace, Rev. P. F., Frankfort, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Roman Catholic church, was born in Ireland, and educated at All Hallows College, Dublin. He came to this country in 1881 and entered St. Joseph's Seminary at Troy, N. Y., studying for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1886 and appointed assistant priest at St. John's church, Albany, where he remained for six years. Appointed to this parish by Right Rev. Bishop McNeirny, of Albany, he came to Frankfort, April 19, 1892, he being the first resident pastor, Rev. James Halpin, of Herkimer, having officiated heretofore. A fine parochial residence is being erected beside the church, under the supervision of Fr. Wallace.

Walrath E. M., Little Falls, was born in the town of Danube, but has spent all his business life in Little Falls. He has been engaged in the grocery business for about eleven years. He is a member of the American Mechanics, and a Democrat in politics. Mr. Walrath comes of an old historic family. His mother was a great-grandniece of General Herkimer. His great-great-grandfather, Henry Walrath, was in the battle of Oriskany, and at the close of the battle, while still enveloped in the smoke, he, with several others, were standing together, talking of the incidents of the day, when one of the party was shot down and very soon another and another until all but two or three were shot before they found their assailant, who was a wounded Indian, lying beside an old log near by. His grandfather, Moses Walrath, was in the war of 1812.

Wakeman, Ward, Little Falls, a farmer, resides about three miles north of the village of Little Falls, and was born on the old Wakeman homestead, adjoining his present home. His grandfather came from Connecticut about the year 1800, and the family has resided here ever since. His father's name was J. B. Wakeman. Ward Wakeman married Ella J. Skinner, who died July, 1891.

Wooster, Joseph T., Newport, is a native of Fairfield, Herkimer county, and a son of D. Joseph and Nancy Packert Wooster, who settled in Middleville about 1830 from Oneida county, as a physician, which profession he followed until his death in 1846. His wife, Nancy, died in 1887. They had two children, Elizabeth, who died in 1884, and Joseph T., who was born in May, 1844. He entered the Newport National Bank as cashier in 1874, which position he has since held. September 27, 1888, he married Elda A., daughter of Elisha Smith. They have two sons, Joseph T. jr., and Charles S. Mr. Wooster's mother was a native of Manheim, Herkimer county, N. Y.

Ward, Henry L., Fairfield, is a native of Eatonville, and was born February 7, 1813. His father came there about 1792, and was among the earliest settlers of that part. Henry L. Ward has been a very successful man and has gained the highest esteem of all who know him. He was for many years a resident of Newport, and was supervisor of that town six years, and inspector of the county house five years. In 1850 he married Bula A. Martin, and they have three sons living: H. Judd, Frank M. and Bela J.

Williams, J. K., Fairfield, is a native of Fulton county and started life as a farmer, working for J. W. Windecker. On March 25th, 1862, he began cheese making, making dairy cheese at home for J. H. Ives, near Fairfield village. He also works a 200-acre farm for Mr. Ives and has been doing so for seven years. In 1868 Mr. Williams married Miss Mary Carney and they have seven children. The annual make of the factory is about 25,000 pounds.

Weller, W. F., German Flats, was born in Ilion, August 23, 1863, and after clerking for some time established his grocery and meat business here in 1889. In 1887 he married Miss Cora Ackler; they have a family of three daughters. His parents were John and Anna (Horner) Weller.

Whiting, James F., Fairfield, was born in Oneida county, May 8, 1847, but moved to Middleville with his parents at the age of twelve. February 4, 1864, at the early age of seventeen, he enlisted in Company C., Second N. Y. Heavy Artillery, which served as foot soldiers and participated in seventeen battles with the Army of the Potomac. In August, 1864, he was appointed corporal; in October, 1864, sergeant, and in June, 1865, first sergeant of his company; was honorably discharged after the close of the war, the 29th day of September, 1865. In 1868 Mr. Whiting married Carrie Farrell and they have had six children, three sons and three daughters. Mr. Whiting started his tin, sheet iron and stove, hardware and plumbing business, and by strict attention to business has enlarged it each year.

Winegar, Robert D., German Flats, was born in Ilion May 27, 1869, and learned with his father the art of rifling gun barrels. His father, Richard L. Winegar, was for thirty-three years a contractor in the Remington Armory, and when he left to look after interests in the south, Robert D. succeeded him, and is the youngest contractor in the armory. He is a Mason a member of the Knights of Birmingham, and of the Veiled Prophets and Knights of Pythias. Mr. R. L. Winegar achieved fame by making the highest score in the world at Creedmore, shooting 223 points out of a possible 225, at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards.



Wolf, Frederick, Dolgeville, was born in Germany April 23, 1843. Prior to coming to this country, Mr. Wolf was engaged in the manufacturing business from 1858 to 1880 in Leipsic. In the latter part of 1880 he came to America and entered the employ of Alfred Dolge (who is his brother-in-law) as overseer of the lumber and felt departments. Mr. Wolf has been very active and influential in local affairs here. He was the originator of the German Club, also a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for ten years, a director in the Aid Society, a member of the school board, also of the health board and of other associations both social and benevolent. His wife was Miss Horn, a sister of Mrs. Alfred Dolge, and Mr. Wolf has a family of five children living. His oldest son is an assistant in Mr. Dolge's New York office, and his oldest daughter is a teacher in the Dolgeville Kindergarten School.

Wilson, Sylvester, Herkimer, was born in the town of Stark August 15, 1847. He received his education in the schools of Herkimer and commenced life as a painter and marble cutter, in which lines he has worked here for eighteen years, being engaged in one shop for nine years. In 1875 Mr. Wilson was elected constable and chief of police under the old board. In 1887 he was appointed chief under the new board of the paid department, which position he most acceptably filled until 1891, when he was elected sheriff of Herkimer county, being elected in a Republican county of 800 to 1,000 majority upon a Democratic ticket with a majority of 178. Sheriff Wilson is a leader of the celebrated Glee Club which has participated for so many years in political campaigns. His wife was Miss Jennie Hall of Norway. They have two children.

Western, Benjamin E., Norway, was born in Norway May 12, 1840. He is a son of Joseph and Hannah Western. (See Samuel J. Western's sketch). Benjamin E. was educated in the common schools. He is a farmer and lumberman. His wife is Sarah M. Wood, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Wheelock and Hannah Wood, who have four sons and six daughters. The children of Benjamin E. Western are: Jennie, Charlie, Cylvina and Walter. Mr. Western is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church at Black Creek.

Witherstine, William, Herkimer, was born in the town of Herkimer September 25, 1853. His father, David Witherstine, who was a farmer, died on the 8th day of April, 1864, leaving a widow and five children: Charles, Horace, William, Margaret and Martha, being the only children of a second wife. The Witherstine family is one of the old families of New York State. His grandfather, John Witherstine, was a soldier of the Revolution, having entered the American army at the opening of hostilities in the Mohawk Valley and served with honor during the entire struggle of the colonies for independence. His mother, Margaret Petrie, was a granddaughter of Dr. Wm. Petrie, who amputated the limb of General Herkimer after he was wounded at the battle of Oriskany. Mr. Witherstine received his early education in the common schools of Herkimer and afterwards attended school at Fairfield Seminary, from which he graduated in 1878. After teaching school for some time he entered the law office of Smith & Steele, in Herkimer and began the study of law. He was admitted to the bar October 10, 1884, and in the following May opened an office in the Democrat Block in Herkimer, where he is still engaged in a large and increasing practice of his profession.

He has been twice elected justice of the peace and for five years has been a member of the Board of Education, of which he is now president. He has always taken a deep interest in the schools, and is identified with all the social and benevolent enterprises of the village. In the spring of 1892 he was elected to the office of president of the village by the largest majority ever given to a candidate for that office, thus showing the high esteem in which he was held by the citizens of that village. Mr. Witherstine was married December 25, 1878, to Miss Mary Western of Norway, Herkimer country, N. Y., and has two children, Charles J. and Emma. He has only one brother now living, Dr. H. H. Witherstine, a prominent physician, also mayor of Rochester, Minn. Mr. Witherstine is a member of the Reformed church of Herkimer, and also one of the Y. M. C. A. of the same place.

Wagner, Oscar, Frankfort, was born in Prussia, July 6, 1862. He was one of six children of William and Mathilde Wagner. He was educated in the schools of the city of Bromberg. In addition to the languages, etc., he was given the benefits of a scientific education. When twenty years of age he came to this country, locating in Frankfort, some nine and a half years. In 1888 he went into general contracting and building. In 1889 he erected a building, the first floor of which he occupies as a grocery and general store. It is a fine three-story building 30x80 feet, the upper floors of which are used as tenements. He also owns four other dwellings arranged for two families each. He is one of the thrifty men of the town. He was married March 10, 1886, to Bertha Koeppel, a native of Prussia.

Waite, Eben Britton.—The subject of this sketch was born in the village of Little Falls, December 25, 1820, and is a son of Job and Rebecca Waite. His education, which began at an early age, was completed in the village schools, where he was a diligent and proficient student. Mr. Waite commenced his business career in 1836, acting as clerk for Jacob W. Dygert, who kept a store on the canal, near the Aqueduct. He remained in this position one year, when he accepted a clerkship with John Beardslee in a grocery and provision store on Main street. Holding this place three years, on April 1, 1890, he entered the canal warehouse of Page & Priest. In the spring of 1845 he rented a canal warehouse and grocery store of Major Frederick Bellinger, of Mohawk, located at the Herkimer upper bridge. The situation being undesirable, he returned to Little Falls in 1846 and took charge, as manager of the canal warehouse, and line of boats running between that place and New York city. In 1850 he left this situation, and traveled two years for health and recreation. In 1852 he formed a co-partnership with William Page, to develop a water power on Seely Island and build a paper mill. In 1854, selling his interest in this enterprise to Mr. Page and his son, he bought and developed three water lots on the north side of the Mohawk river at the lower falls. The development of these lots was a work of considerable magnitude. A channel thirty-two feet wide and seventeen feet deep at the highest point was blasted through the solid rock, opening into the waters of the Mohawk. It was controlled by a tubenard, and, with a portion of the old Inland Lock and Navigation Company's canal, which was reconstructed, formed the mill canal. April 30, 1857 Mr. Waite formed a co-partnership with Seth M. and Alvin Richmond, under the firm



name of E. B. Waite & Co., for the purpose of building and operating a paper-mill. This business was successfully continued until March 13, 1889, when the property was sold to the Little Falls Paper Company. Mr. Waite, since 1889, has lived a retired life at his residence, 320 South Ann street, in the village of Little Falls. He married, August 14, 1867, Miss Helen Case, daughter of Morgan E. Case, of Fairfield. They have two children, a son, Eben Britton, jr., born August 25, 1869, and a daughter, Cora, born February 16, 1872, both of whom reside at the family mansion.

White, Franklin, Warren, was born in Braintree, Mass., and is a son of Calvin and Margery White, who were the parents of four sons and four daughters. Our subject moved to Albany when young and engaged in the hotel business at the stock yards. In 1871 he located on a farm of 100 acres west of Little Lakes and now owns 200 acres. His wife was Ann E. Gallup, a daughter of Nathaniel Gallup, born at Stonington, Conn., October 16, 1799, and died at the residence of our subject in April, 1878. He was twice married. Mrs. Franklin White received an excellent education in Albany Female Academy, and graduated from a private academy in 1850. She is the mother of five children: Martha G., Frank H., Anna E., Alice and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the Episcopal church. Their son, Frank H., who was born in Albany, May 26, 1863, has charge of the farm and is a breeder of Hambletonian horses.

Watkins James H. J., Schuyler, a native of Wales, was born in 1843, and came to America in 1853. He was educated in Fairfield Academy and Madison University, and was ordained a Baptist minister in 1866, having charge of the Baptist church at Harpersville for some time. He is now a journalist and farmer. He has been clerk of the board of supervisors and justice of the peace for twenty years. In 1887 he edited the *Frankfort Register*. In 1868 he married M. I. Richardson, and they have two children, William C. B. Watkins and Grace Watkins.

Weatherbee, Elias B., Warren, is a son of Brayton A. and Philena H. (Bell) Weatherbee. His grandfather was Alvin, who was a son of Lucius, who came from Bellow's Falls, Vt., about 1805 and built a tannery. He died in 1834, leaving one son, Alvin, born in 1798. He died in 1884 and his wife at an earlier date. They had four children: Brayton A., Alvin E., Emmagene and Leona. Brayton A. Weatherbee was born July 16, 1820, at Page's Corners. At the age of eighteen he engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted till 1849, when he engaged in milling and tanning. He owns 250 acres, grist mill tannery, with one of the best water powers in the country, coming from springs on the farm. The pond is well stocked with trout. He has a fine residence. He has also invented, made and had patented a stone gathering machine, which works well. He is a director of the First National Bank of Richfield Springs, a stockholder in and director of the National Mohawk Valley bank, and was active in securing the railroad to Richfield Springs. He married in 1851, Philena, daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Patterson) Bell, who bore him four children: Rose P., wife of Walton D. Gregory, of Newark, N. J.; Elias B., Willard R. and Hattie E., (deceased). Mrs. Weatherbee died in 1880. She was a member of the Universalist church.

Woodhull, W. B., M. D., Russia, was born in Painesville, Ohio, May 12, 1858, a son of Josiah, a son of Richard Woodhull, a native of England, who came to Long Island, where he died, about 1830. Josiah Woodhull was born in Long Island in 1829, and was a contractor and builder. He married Amanda Strong, a native of Long Island, by whom he had two sons, W. B. being the oldest. He was educated in the public schools of Long Island and in St. Barnabas Hall Academy, graduating from the latter in 1873. He spent one year at sea, three years as clerk and one year as merchant. At the age of twenty-one he began the study of medicine with Dr. H. M. Ives, at Hastings, and afterwards graduated from New York University in 1882. He immediately began practicing his profession, coming to Poland in 1885, where he has been very successful. In 1882 he married Mary, daughter of John and Helen (Sperry) Ackley, of Connecticut, and they have two children, Helen and Clarence S. He is a Republican, a member of Herkimer County Medical society, and a member of South Side Lodge, No. 493, F. & A. M., in Long Island.

Worden, Jefferson, Russia, was born in Remsen, Oneida county, March 23, 1838. His father was Isaac, a son of John Worden, who was for many years a resident of Oneida county, afterwards coming to Russia. His wife was Rebecca Clyde, a native of New England, by whom he had five sons. Mr. Worden died about 1848, and his wife died in 1862, at the age of 102. Isaac Worden was born in Oneida county, and there married Asia Nichols, a native of that county. They had eleven children. Mr. Worden was a farmer and lumberman. His wife died about 1840 and he married Desire Clough, by whom he had one child. Mr. Worden died in 1877, and his second wife in 1887. Subject came to Russia at the age of twenty-one. In 1859 he married Lavina Farley, a native of Prospect, born in 1843. They had six sons and six daughters. Mr. Worden is a farmer and lumberman. He has always been a Democrat.

Wheeler, Henry H., Winfield, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of West Winfield, is one of the firm of C. D. & H. H. Wheeler, proprietors of the Unadilla Valley stock farm. He was for some time a member of the board of education of this town. He was born at Leonardsville, December 29, 1857, and settled in West Winfield, about 1870. He married Julia Tyler, and they have four children: Harry D., Louise W., Stuart T. and Agnes H. Wheeler. Henry H. is a son of John O. Wheeler, the cashier of this bank, and for many years of the bank at Leonardsville. He married Rebecca, a daughter of Dennis Hardin, who for many years was supervisor of Brookfield, Madison county. He was also a prominent banker and politician, having been member of Assembly from his district.

Williams, Stillman, Winfield, dairy farmer of Winfield, was born November 23, 1830. He is a son of Anthony Williams, a native of Rhode Island, born April 15, 1799, who came to this town with his father, Festus Williams, who was one of the first settlers of Columbia, near Miller's Mills. His father was John, a Baptist minister of the Revolution, and chaplain under General Washington. Stillman Williams married, 1860, Lydia King, and they have eight children living: Jane, Nellie, Mary, Hortence, Alberta, Ada, Stillman, jr., and Henry Williams.

Wheeler, Charles D., Winfield, was born in Leonardsville, Madison county, April 18, 1859, and settled in Winfield in 1880. He was supervisor of Winfield in 1887. He is vice-president of the First National Bank of West Winfield, and is the senior member of the firm of C. D. & H. H. Wheeler of the Unadilla Valley Stock Farm. He married, December 2, 1879, Fanny A. Spencer, and they have two sons: Henry Hill and Frederick Spencer. Charles D. is a son of John O. Wheeler, the cashier of First National Bank of West Winfield, and he is a son of Prentiss Wheeler. Charles D. Wheeler was postmaster of West Winfield from 1881 to 1884. He is a member of Winfield Lodge 581, F. & A. M., Richfield Springs Chapter 222, R. A. M., Utica Commandery K. T., No. 3, and the Syracuse Consistory. He was for some years editor and proprietor of the *West Winfield News*. At the age of fifteen he entered the West Winfield Academy and remained two years. In 1875 he entered the Grammar School at Clinton, and graduated in the class of 1877. His father, John O. Wheeler, present cashier of the First National Bank of West Winfield, was for several years cashier of the First National Bank at Leonardsville, Madison county. His mother was Rebecca E. Hardin, daughter of Dennis Hardin, a prominent banker and politician formerly of Brookfield, Madison county, N. Y.

Wadsworth, Joel, Winfield, was born in New Hartford, Oneida county, November 5, 1800. He was a son of Timothy, a native of Connecticut, one of the first settlers of Oneida county; who when he came to this locality found but two or three small houses. He settled in the eastern part of the town of New Hartford, where he died November 15, 1847. Lydia, his wife, died June 11, 1848. Joel Wadsworth settled in Winfield about 1833 and has lived in this town ever since. He has been strictly a temperance man all this time. He belongs to the First M. E. Church of West Winfield. His father had six sons and six daughters. They were all members of the Methodist Episcopal church. There are but three of them living: Joel, Nancy, and Maria. Mr. Wadsworth attends the M. E. church, having been a member since 1825, and is a very active worker. Joel Wadsworth married first, Sarah Goodier, who died January 22, 1861. She was the mother of four children: Hester Ann, who married Albert Crumb; George H., who married Henrietta Stout; Emily H., who married Alvin Day, and Lizzie H., who married Dr. Orrin Wilcox. He married second, Roxey (Beals) Dunham, who died March 6, 1883. His third wife was Lucretia Peck, the widow of Alexander Dewey. She was married to Mr. Wadsworth April 17, 1884.

Wood, Palmer M., Herkimer, was born in the town of German Flats, January 18, 1839, in which vicinity his ancestors located early in the century, originally coming from New England. Mr. Wood was educated in the schools of this vicinity and those of Columbia and Warren. He followed farming until 1880, having purchased 155 acres of land in the spring of 1860. In 1868 he married Jennie M. Ward, a daughter of Artemas Ward, and has a family of four daughters and two sons. Mr. Wood has been identified with political matters in a marked degree, being the accredited manager of Warner Miller's campaign. In 1879 he was elected Herkimer county clerk, which office he held for six years. In 1881 he was chairman of the Republican county committee, holding this position until 1887, and in 1878 was chairman of

the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Wood is a Mason and identified with other local and benevolent institutions. He is largely interested in real estate in Herkimer and also at Kettle Falls, Washington, and is largely engaged in the coal and wood traffic here.

Lovenheim, I. N., Little Falls, conducts a variety establishment in the village of Little Falls. His stock consists of dry goods, crockery, fancy goods, house furnishings, etc., and a good trade is enjoyed and several assistants are employed. The business was inaugurated in 1888. The senior member of the firm (which consists of I. N. Lovenheim & Brother), is in Europe at the present writing. His house enjoys a first class reputation for liberal dealing with the public of Herkimer county.

Hurlbut, George H., Newport, was born in the town of Norway, November 1, 1826, a son of William H. and Chloe (Hull) Hurlbut. She was a native of Newport and a daughter of Joseph Hull. She was born January 1, 1800, and died November 13, 1870. William H. Hurlbut came to Newport at about twenty years of age, but returned to Norway and remained till 1867. He died in Newport in 1887 in his ninety-fourth year. He had three children, William D., George H. and Horace L., all married. The grandfather and grandmother were Presbyterians, the former being associate judge of Herkimer county. William H. was a son of Daniel and Hannah (Cole) Hurlbut, who came from Connecticut and settled in Salisbury. George H. married Harriet O. Scott in September, 1852, and they have one daughter, Clara B. Mrs. Hurlbut died September 12, 1866, and Mr. Hurlbut married second, Mary L. Scott, on June 12, 1868. They have two sons, George E. and Harry H. The subject of this sketch is a merchant, also a member of Newport Lodge No. 455, of which he acted as secretary for nineteen years. He was also junior warden. He is a Republican and postmaster of Newport under Garfield and Harrison. He has held the offices of supervisor, town clerk, president and trustee of the village several years. He was a member of the Board of Education five years, and a member of the Republican county committee in 1891.

Zoller, Jacob, Little Falls, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, N. Y. He established himself in business over forty years ago in the produce and provision lines in Montgomery county. He was one of the first who commenced to lime eggs, in which he has been engaged since his entrance into the business. Mr. Zoller is now located on East Mill street, where he has extensive warehouses and facilities. He conducts a wholesale cheese, egg, butter and pork packing business.

Spall, Jacob, Russia, was born in Germany, August 17, 1840, a son of George Spall, a native of Germany, born 1810. The wife of George was Mary Spall, by whom he had five children. He came to the United States in 1884 and settled in Trenton, Oneida county. Here he remained two years and then went to Russia and settled on the farm now owned by Jacob. Here he remained until his death in 1882. The first wife of George Spall died in 1867, and his second wife in 1887. He was sixteen years of age when he came with his parents to America. In 1867 he married Lana Smeary, by whom he had six children: John, George, Henry, Jacob, Fred and Willie, all of whom are living. Mr. Spall has two hundred acres of land and keeps a large dairy. In politics he is a Republican.

Snell, Joseph L., Ohio, was born in Rensselaer county, near Troy, in 1827. His father was Robert Snell jr., a native of Massachusetts, who came when a young man to Rensselaer county, and there married Maria Mykell, a native of Troy, and had five children. Mr. Snell was a millwright by trade. In 1843 he settled on the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch, and there lived and died. He was a Democrat and a Mason, and was commissioner of highways three years. His death occurred September 8, 1872, and that of his wife February 20, 1867. Robert Snell, grandfather of the subject, was in the war of 1812, and his great-grandfather was in the Revolutionary war. Joseph L. Snell was reared and educated in the city of Troy. At the age of sixteen he came to Ohio. October 14, 1849, he married Lana A. De Long of Washington county, who bore him three children: Mary E., Harriet M., and Ruth A. March 30, 1858, Mrs. Snell died, and he married Violette Pooler, of Russia, and had by her one child, Ella E. Mr. Snell is a farmer, and also works at the carpenter trade. He is a Democrat and has been highway commissioner one term.

Thorp, John J., Litchfield, proprietor of the Cedarville Hotel, was born in Rural Grove, Montgomery county, September 26, 1848, and settled in Danube in 1859. He is a son of, Prof. Joshua Thorp, who spent most of his life in teaching. He was for some time principal of the academy at Onondaga Valley, N. Y., and also of the High School at Watertown. He was a very successful teacher and lecturer, and was in the war of the Rebellion. He was a son of Ebenezer Deacon Thorp, one of the pioneer settlers of Root, Montgomery county. John J. Thorp married Ella Young, of German Flats, and they have four children living: Benjamin F., Raymond J., Mabel J., and Ethel Thorp. Professor Joshua Thorp married Miss Catharine Shull the daughter of Jacob Shull of Danube, Herkimer county, New York. She was the mother of John J. and Louisa A. Thorp.

Meagher, John, of Little Falls, is a native of Ireland. He was born in 1835 and came to America in 1846. He learned the trade of tanner in Boston. In 1853 he went into business in Boston, which he gave up during the crisis of 1860. He then went west and took a position in Rockford, Ill. In 1875 he moved to Chicago, becoming superintendent for Ingle Brothers. Subsequently he was superintendent for Gray, Clark & Co. for five years. After filling other responsible positions he became superintendent for J. S. Barnett in 1888, and has done much toward attaining the high name the leather of this factory possesses. In 1853 Mr. Meagher married Mary Slattery and they have six children living, two sons and four daughters. Both sons work in the tannery with their father, Thomas F. having charge of the up stairs.

Senior, Frank, Little Falls, is a native of that village. He was born in the year 1862. His father was of English descent and was a co-partner of Titus Sheard in the house of Senior & Sheard, manufacturers. Frank Senior was educated in the schools of this village and in 1876 commenced working for Mr. Sheard at three shillings per day. He worthily upheld the reputation of his house and after successively passing through all departments, was through merit admitted to a partnership in the Titus Sheard company, when but twenty-one years of age, of which he is now treasurer. Mr. Senior is

identified with local social, political and benevolent institutions such as Elks, Royal Arcanum, fire and police commissioners, etc., and is an honorary member of the fire department. He married Elizabeth Herbert of Franklin county and has two children.

Smith, John H., Little Falls, was born in England, coming to this country when but four years old, with his parents. They located at Sandy Hill, Washington county. Here John secured his educational advantages and learned the paper-making trade. In 1852 he went to California where he was signally successful returning in 1860 to Little Falls and establishing a shoddy mill. In 1864 he commenced the manufacture of knit stockings; in 1864 he moved his plant to Watertown; in 1868 he sold the Watertown mill and returned to Little Falls, and in 1887 built his present splendid plant on Moss island, which site he purchased. He employs fifty-five hands manufacturing wool extracts and shoddy and has two sons both assisting him in the management of the enterprise. He married a daughter of Col. Leonard Boyer of Little Falls and has four children living.

O'Rourke & Hurley, dealers in drugs, oils, paints, etc., Little Falls, commenced business in April, 1892. Mr. John Hurley is a native of Little Falls and has always been in the drug line. He graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy in 1885 and is a member of the New York State Pharmaceutical Society. He is a Republican in politics and treasurer of the Republican club. At the present age of thirty-one he has by his own industry and ability advanced himself to his present prosperous condition. His wife is a sister of Mr. O'Rourke, the senior member of the firm, who is also a young man, and a member of the fire department and the Republican party. He was book-keeper for Lintner & Babcock for ten years prior to the formation of the present partnership.

Frateschi, Paola, German Flats, is a native of Italy, and has been in this country twenty years. He has been very successful in business, and owns one of the finest blocks in Ilion. In 1875 he married Mary Dellaca, and they have one child.

Ingraham, Fernando C., Salisbury, was born in Mayfield, Montgomery county, April 23, 1811. He learned the trade of harness-making early in life with his father, and when eighteen years of age left home and established a shop for himself at Union Mills. This he conducted until 1861, when he bought the Empire House at Salisbury Centre, which he has since owned and run. He married Angeline North of Montgomery county, and they have eight children, six of whom survive. Mrs. Ingraham died a year ago. He has served as deputy sheriff, justice of the peace, etc.

Ward, Hiram, Stark, was born on the farm where he now resides, March 30, 1826, a son of John A. and Catherine (Shaffer) Ward; his grandfather was a pioneer of Stark, who was born March 20, 1744, and served in the Revolutionary War as a private. He raised four sons and three daughters, and died on the farm in 1822. John A. Ward was born October 17, 1792, served in the War of 1812; he was a Whig and a Republican. He died in 1857, aged sixty-five, his wife died in 1869, aged seventy-five years. They had seven children: Maria (deceased), Levi (deceased), Liza Ann (deceased), David, Hiram, Ephraim and Daniel are now living. Hiram lived with his parents and took

charge of the farm which he now owns, buying out the other heirs. In politics he is a Republican. He married, December 31, 1857, Marinda Bronner, daughter of Frederick and Eliza (Shaul) Bronner. Her father served as supervisor, was a Republican. They had eleven children. Her grandfather, Frederick Bronner, was a pioneer of Stark. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ward have had two children : Charles H. and Libbie M.

Wightman, Abel G. (deceased), was born in Warren July 21, 1832, a son of Timothy and Phila (Bronson) Wightman. The grandfather was Allen, whose ancestors came from the Isle of Wight. Allen was born in Connecticut and came here about 1800, and settled east of Jordanville, where he resided until his death. His wife was a Miss Randall, and they raised four sons and two daughters. Timothy A., was born in Warren in 1800. He was a justice and was a Republican. He was twice married; his first wife bore him two children : Mary Mix and our subject. His second wife was Catharine Sanford, who died in July, 1882. Subject received a district and academic education, and was an active Republican. In early life he went to Illinois and Utah, and speculated in stocks. He was also a surveyor. He returned to Warren and engaged in farming; and in later days he followed the saddler's business. He died September 23, 1883. He married, January 5, 1865, Jane L. Sanford, born September 11, 1837, a daughter of Rodney and Catherine O. (Mix) Sanford, a descendant of the Sanfords who landed at Plymouth Rock. He was born at New London, and was a soldier in the Revolution. He was at New York at the evacuation and followed the sea for many years. In November, 1800, he came with his family to Warren, and located on ninety acres, one mile west of Jordanville. His wife was Lavinia Egerton, who bore him nine children : Joseph, Kingsbury, Asa, Giles, Ralph, Ezra, Rodney, Lavinia and Laura. Rodney was born in Connecticut February 17, 1794, and died in 1852, aged fifty-eight. He was a colonel of militia. He owned 160 acres at his death, and his wife survives. She was born in Columbia March 28, 1816, daughter of John and Margaret (Ovendorff) Mix of German Flats.

Willoughby, Daniel C., Russia, was born in Newport in 1819. His father was James, a son of Westel Willoughby. James was born in Massachusetts in 1773. His wife was Annie Cole, a native of Massachusetts, by whom he had two sons and ten daughters, of whom two daughters and subject only are living. Mr. Willoughby came to Norway in 1795, where he built the first house and barn. During the winter seasons he made spinning wheels. His brother, Dr. Westel Willoughby, was one of the original professors of Fairfield Seminary, and was the founder of Willoughby College of Ohio. He practiced medicine in Herkimer county many years. His wife was Sallie Cole, an aunt of Daniel C. James Willoughby died in 1856, and his wife in 1854 at the of seventy-six years. Daniel C. has lived on the farm where he was born sixty-eight years. In 1840 he married Caroline M. Carpenter, a native of Cold Brook, born in 1823. Her parents were Daniel and Temperance (Warfield) Carpenter, natives of Russia. To subject and wife were born four children; Eliza A. (deceased), Edward A., Marcilla F. and Flora E. Edward A. resides at Rome, N. Y., and is general manager for R. M. Bingham of that place. Marcilla F. is the wife of Thomas R. Irwin of Poland. Flora is the wife of Irving D. Adams of Poland. In 1886 Mr. Willoughby came to Poland and has since



lived a retired life. In politics he has always been a Republican and is a temperance man. He has assisted in the Baptist church at Poland.

Young, Charles, Mohawk, was born in Stark December 27, 1856. He received an academic education, then took a course in the Utica Business College. He returned to the farm for a few years and was then engaged in general merchandise transactions in Bethel till 1879, when he came to Mohawk and became identified with the Broomhall Milling & Malting Company, Ltd., manufacturers of patent roller flour, etc., of which company he is director and general manager. Mr. Young married Mattie L. Lewis of Herkimer, and they have two daughters. He is identified with the Masons, holding office as W. M., and is trustee of the village board, of which body he was elected clerk. He is also clerk of the school board, and a member.

Schooley, Andrew, Litchfield, is a machinist, carpenter, joiner and millwright. He was born in this town May 27, 1814, a son of James Schooley, a native of Pittstown, Rensselaer county, who settled in this town in 1804, and died December 8, 1863, aged seventy-four years. Andrew Schooley read law with Charles O'Conner of New York city in 1848. He married Emma Winegar, and they have three children: Warren H., Stella I., and James A. They have lost one son, Charles C. Stella I. married Dayton D. Prescott of Norwich Corner, and they have four children: Fanny F., Walter D., Arthur A. and Eva Estella. Mrs. Emma Schooley is a daughter of Isaac Winegar of this town, but he died in Genesee county, N. Y., he left eight children. James Schooley married Amy Young, they had six children: Andrew, Mary, Caroline, James L., Edward B. and Catherine Schooley, the last is dead, the others are living. Amy Young came from Rhode Island, town of Scituate.

Snyder, J. A., Middleville, was born in Somerset, Pa., September 4, 1855, moved to Illinois in the spring of 1864, and resided west until 1880, when he came to New York State and to Herkimer county in 1882, where he has resided ever since, with the exception of two years spent in Albany and Montgomery counties. Mr. Snyder commenced working in the knitting-mill in Illinois at the age of thirteen, has followed the business ever since, and is now the superintendent of the Nelson Mill at this place. October 24, 1889, he married Flora M. Casler of Little Falls, and they have one child, Moldred Eleanor, born October 15, 1891, at Middleville.

Loomer, Aaron P., Dolgeville, was born in Fulton county. His early life was spent on a farm, and he has always dealt in horses and cattle. Twenty-six years ago he became proprietor of the Empire House in St. Johnsville. This he ran for five years, then took charge of the Rickwood near Johnstown. This hotel he kept for three years, then moved to Little Falls and took charge of the Bettel Hotel. After keeping this hotel one year he moved to Dolgeville and has since conducted with but one slight intermission the Loomer House. Mr. Loomer has been twice married and has three children, all boys. Mr. Loomer has served as justice of the peace six years, and is an extensive real estate owner, and owns a farm in Stratford.

Crist, D. B., Fairfield, was born in Fairfield, and his father removed to Middleville when D. B. was quite young. He was in the mercantile business for five years and



in the flour and feed business for three years before he took up farming. He occupies one of his father's dairy farms of 180 acres. His father still lives in Middleville. In 1883 Mr. Crist married Miss Nettie Jackson, and they have a family of two sons. He is a Republican and a member of the Masonic fraternity. His father's name is Morgan C. Crist.

Spoor, James H., Stark, son of Gilbert and Nancy (Link) Spoor, natives of Danube, was born September 9, 1844, in Danube. He received a district school education. At twenty he left home and began life on his own account. Lived ten years in Little Falls; and for the past seven years has lived on 218 acres of land in Stark, which he works on shares. He is a Republican, and married July 8, 1864, Elda Jones, born in Stark, daughter of Jacob and Betsey (Snell) Jones, natives of Danube and Stark; who are members of the M. E. church. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters, and of English origin. Jacob Jones was a son of William, a pioneer of Danube. James H. has seven children: Frank, who died at nineteen; Nettie, Fred, Ada M., Nellie, Ross and Calie, who died at seven months. They are Universalists.

Lotridge, George H., Little Falls, was born in 1811 and has lived on his present farm all his long life. He and his two brothers, both of whom are dead, lived on adjoining land for over half a century as men grown, and had everything in common. They owned 750 acres of land. Mr. Lotridge married, January 30, 1838, Mary Rankin, and they have four daughters. The youngest, Mary, lives at home. One is the wife of Hamer Petrie, one the wife of R. M. Rankin and one of Mr. Houpt. Mr. Lotridge has been commissioner of highways and is a member of the Grange. His father and mother were born in Montgomery county, and his grandfather, Seeber, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. The latter was wounded at Oriskany and was an invalid for the last twenty years of his life, though he lived to the age of 104 years. The parents of George H. came to these parts when the section was a wilderness, and he can relate many interesting anecdotes of their early experiences in the wilds.

Loftis, John, Frankfort, was born in Frankfort, September 8, 1844, being the youngest of six children of John and Bridget Loftis, who emigrated to this country from the Emerald Isle in the year 1832. The subject of this sketch was but three years old when his father died, and the care of rearing and educating the children to frugality, respect and usefulness was the sacred heritage of their courageous and devoted mother, who, surviving her husband for a third of a century, died in 1883, at the golden age of seventy-three years. Of this family James and Thomas were volunteers in the Union army, the former dying in the service of his country, while the latter now resides at Frankfort village. April 22, 1880, John Loftis was united in marriage to Catharine McCann, of Utica, N. Y. They have two sons: Charles W. and James F. Loftis. Early in life Mr. Loftis learned the carpenter trade, and for several years prior to 1867, was occupied as a carriage maker, at which time he engaged in the mercantile business as a retail grocer. In 1876 he erected the large and commodious building he now occupies, the upper floor of which is Loftis Hall. By close attention and strict integrity Mr. Loftis has built up an extensive mercantile business, and now is one of the foremost merchants of Frankfort village. In politics Mr. Loftis is a Democrat and has served the town as supervisor during the years 1886-7-8.

Olmstead, Osmond B., is a native of Fulton county, N. Y., and at the commencement of the late war was a resident of Washington, D. C. and in the spring of '61 enlisted in the Fifth N. Y. Cavalry, serving his country faithfully and well, participating in many battles and engagements and was honorably discharged from the service in 1865 from the Fourth N. Y. Heavy Artillery, after which he became a very proficient barber. After working in several towns and cities he finally in 1879 established a business in Dolgeville, where he has been successfully doing business since, being patronized by all the leading citizens in town. In 1872 Mr. Olmstead married Miss Ida A. Reed, a lady of Peeksville, N. Y. They have no children.

Smith, Dr. Fred A., Herkimer, was born in Frankfort, August 15, 1870. He was educated at the Union schools of Ilion and Waterville, and also took a course at the Newark Business college. He eventually graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, dental department, in 1891. Dr. Smith was associated with his uncle, Dr. Cutler Smith, of Ilion, for a short time, after which he went West, settling in Des Moines. Upon the death of Dr. Barnes he returned to Herkimer and purchased the practice and office from the widow. Dr. Smith's father is in the service of the dairy commission for New York State. One of the ancestors of the family participated in the Revolutionary war, also the war of 1812. In the latter war his great-grandfather was a captain.

Mason, Joseph W., Warren, was born in German Flats, September 5, 1837, a son of Alanson and Mary A. (Thomas) Mason. His grandfather, Isaac, was born at Adams, Mass., February 21, 1777, and came to Warren and bought 144 acres on Staley's patent. He returned to Massachusetts, and in 1804 came with his family to Herkimer county. He was twice married, first to Hannah Martin, born in Warren, R. I. She bore him ten children: Ama, Thomas, Alanson, Samuel, John, Rhoda, Almira and Harriet twins, Isaac, Apama, Sarah and James. His wife died July 25, 1826. He married second Mary Chapman. Alanson was born in Berkshire county, Mass., August 17, 1803, died April 17, 1865. He was twice married, having by his first wife eight children: Isaac, Mary, Amos T., Electa J. Walker, Joseph W., Helen E. Morts, Hannah A. Coakley and Maria A. His wife died September 26, 1842, and he married second Adelia Slater, who bore him three children: Norman J., Almira V. Belshaw and Almena V. Bradt. Subject's mother was born in German Flats, a daughter of Amos and Jane Thomas, pioneers of German Flats. At twenty he began for himself at farming on shares. In 1865 he bought his first farm of sixty-five acres in German Flats. Three years later he moved to where he now resides on 214 acres. He also owns another farm of 128 acres. He is a Democrat in politics. He married, April 13, 1858, Harriet R., daughter of Elijah and Helen (Shove) Tisdale. Harriet was born January 3, 1842. Her father was born in Connecticut, September 7, 1792, and died where his daughter now lives, April 6, 1869. He married first Ruth Palmer, born July 31, 1802, in German Flats, who bore him four children: Thomas H., George W., Henry S. and Quedett. He married a second time and raised three children: Harriet R., Lydia A. and Dorothy M. His second wife was born at Johnstown, February 3, 1822, died October 12, 1880. Subject's wife's grandfather, Ephraim Tisdale, was born

in Norwich, Conn. His wife was Welthy Babcock. He died in 1854, age 85, and his wife died aged 91. Subject and wife had three children: Cory, died, aged seven, Amos T. and Cary. Amos T. was born May 27, 1870. Married to Florence Hardy May 21, 1889. They have three children. Cary W. was born March 16, 1872. Married to Lulu Hardy, November 22, 1892.

Jackson, I. E., Fairfield, is a native of Fairfield, born in 1855, and is a farmer. His grandfather, Elijah Jackson, came from Canaan, near Albany. In 1881, I. E. Jackson married Jennie Enos. Mr. Jackson belongs to the Grange, and owns seventy-five acres of land, with a dairy of eighteen cows. His farm lies adjacent to Middleville.

Shaut, Moses, Stark, was born in Stark, August 1, 1825, a son of Jacob and Mary (Fort) Shaut. His grandfather came from Germany and settled in Springfield, Otsego county, where his father was born. They moved to Stark, and thence to Steuben county, where he died about 1850, aged about eighty-eight. Jacob had fourteen children and raised twelve: Jacob, Isaac, Joseph, Peter, Catharine, Betsey, Mary, Laney, Peggy, Nancy, Abram and Moses. Subject was raised on a farm, and has always lived in Stark. At seventeen he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it seventeen years. He then bought ninety acres, and engaged in farming, making hops a specialty. In 1862 he located where he now lives, on 160 acres about four miles northwest of Starkville. He is an active Republican. He has been married twice, first in January, 1853, to Louisa, daughter of William and Catharine Waltz, by whom he had four children: Adda, who died aged two; William, Minnie, wife of Charles Weeks, and Frank. He married second, Martha, daughter of Abram and Catharine Wagner.

Whipple, Benjamin A., Stark, is a son of Addison and Janette (McDonald) Whipple. His grandfather, James, came from Connecticut, a pioneer of Springfield, Otsego county, and was twice married. His first wife bore him six sons and five daughters. Addison was born in Springfield, and was a farmer and manufacturer. He died in 1867, aged sixty-three, and his wife in January, 1891, aged eighty-four. They raised five children: John J., Anna W., Joseph S., Eugene M. and Benjamin A. The latter was born in Springfield, February 7, 1847. At nineteen he began life for himself by farming on the homestead. At twenty-one he began the manufacture of cheese at Springfield, and a year later came to Van Hornesville, and ran a cheese factory two years. He then spent three years in Illinois in the sewing machine business. In 1875 he bought the cheese factory at Van Hornesville, and in the winter of 1876 came to this village and has had charge ever since. The factory was established in 1868. He was also engaged in mercantile business five years. In February, 1892, he was elected town clerk. He married October 14, 1868, Frances A. Drew, daughter of Chauncey P. and Elizabeth (Corbin) Drew, of Springfield, and they have one child, Jessie B. He is a Democrat in politics.

Wheelock, Clayton T., Winfield, farmer and cheese manufacturer, runs the North Winfield combination of cheese factories. No. 1 cheese factory, at North Winfield, makes annually about 250,000 pounds from about 600 cows. No. 2, at Cedar Lake, makes about 170,000 pounds from about 450 cows. No. 4, in Litchfield, makes about

125,000 pounds. No. 5, in Marshall, Oneida county, and makes about 75,000 pounds, during the six months that they run, from about 250 cows. No. 6, in Litchfield, makes about 150,000 pounds from about 350 cows. This cheese is manufactured for export principally to London and Liverpool. Clayton T. Wheelock was born in Litchfield, October 28, 1836, a son of Samuel, who died December 9, 1864, aged seventy-one. He was a son of Alvin Wheelock, who came from Massachusetts in 1791, one of the first settlers of Litchfield, on the farm adjoining the one settled by Elijah Snow in 1786, called first Snow's Bush, afterwards Wheelock's Hill. Clayton T. married Sarah L., daughter of Benjamin Kershaw, of Litchfield, and they have two children: Samuel C. and May L. Samuel C. married Jennie Davis, and has three daughters: Nettie M., Mina D., Mabel E. May L. Wheelock married Dr. John H. Stephens, of West Winfield, and they have one daughter, Edna J. Stephens.

Mixer, David E., Warren, was born December 25, 1855, in Warren, a son of Kiran A. and Martha (Kane) Mixer. The grandfather, David, came from Massachusetts, and was an old settler of Warren, where he died, aged fifty-four. They had eleven children: Daniel, Eliza, Mary, Laura, Hannah, David E., Ira, Orland, Alvaro, Kiran and Hulda. Kiran Mixer was born in Warren, received a good education and taught at Clinton College. He moved in 1857 to Lock, Ingham county, Mich. He had ten children, of whom he raised nine: Orland, Guy, David E., Janson, died at fifteen, Emma, Charles, Elvina, Lewis and Matilda. Subject's mother was a daughter of Samuel Kane and Matilda Randall, of Mohawk. David E. received a district school education and went, with his father, to Ingham county, Michigan. He returned to New York, at the age of eleven years, and lived with his aunt, Laura Druce, for twenty-two years. At twenty-one he began working for himself by the month, and continued eleven years. In the spring of 1889 he located on 100 acres, where he now resides. He is a Republican in politics, and married October 11, 1887, Emma Hoke, born in Danube, a daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Walter) Hoke. They have two children: Kiran and Ralph M.

Wooster, Daniel P. B., Newport, a native of Newport, is a son of Sherman and Cornelia (Smith) Wooster. His mother died in 1845. His father was a son of Sherman and Saline (Buel) Wooster, who settled in Newport in 1804. Both the father and grandfather were Universalists in religious views, and Democrats in politics. Daniel Wooster was born February 29, 1840. He married Caroline Kuhn, daughter of Gotlieb and Mary Kuhn, September 1, 1868.

Ball, Alpha A., Warren, was born February 28, 1852, in Litchfield, a son of Horatio and Roxey (Manning) Ball. The grandfather, Elias Ball, was also born in Litchfield, where his father was a pioneer. He was twice married, first to Fannie Holding, by whom he had these children: Horatio, Varnum, Fidelia and Celia. By his second wife, Mary A. Wilkerson, he had five children: Ira, Alfred, Jared, Daniel and Sarah. Horatio was born in Litchfield, but has lived thirty-three years in Warren. His children were Alpha A. and Alice C. The former received a district and select school education, and came to Warren when seven years of age. When twenty-one he began for himself, working by the month for two years. He then rented 102 acres, where he

lived three years, and worked his father's farm for two years. He also spent a year in Columbia. In the spring of 1889 he bought fifty-two acres, where he now resides in Warren. March 26, 1875, he married Rose E., daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Walters) Hoke. They have three children, Carrie M., Florence C. and Walter M.

Eysaman, Horace, Little Falls, was born in Little Falls in 1834. He is of German ancestry, the family three generations back having settled in this town. They participated in the War of the Revolution and in 1812, and have since been identified with the best interests of the community. Mr. Eysaman owns a dairy farm of 180 acres, including a fine orchard and buildings. His wife was Mary E. Smith, of Herkimer county, by whom he has three children, a son and two daughters. Mr. Eysaman has filled a number of acceptable local offices, such as assessor, etc. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Welden, Thomas, Stark, was born in Ireland and was a pioneer of Stark. James D., son of Thomas, was born in Stark November 15, 1796, and lived in Stark all his life. He was in the war of 1812, going as a substitute for David Elwood, of Stark. He married Margaret, daughter of John and Christina Cramer, (subject's mother died April 25, 1860, aged seventy), and reared three children, Moses, Maria and Peggy. He died February 19, 1878. Moses Welden, the oldest, was born May 9, 1822, in Stark, where he has resided since, except one year. He furnished a substitute in the late war in the person of Ephraim Birch. He taught school in District No. 4 of the town of Stark six consecutive winter terms at eleven and twelve dollars per month of twenty-two days and boarded himself. His average daily attendance was from thirty-three to thirty-eight scholars. December 29, 1853, he married Caty, daughter of Abram and Christina (Cramer) Roof. They have four children: Fayette, the eldest, a farmer in the town of Lysander, Onondaga county; Charles, a justice of Stark; Frances, wife of Herman Bauder, of Stark. They have two children, Dora and Oscar Bauder; and Christina, wife of John L. Cramer, of Lysander, Onondaga county, and they have two children, Welden and Arthur Cramer. The subjects of this sketch have 240 acres of land in the home farm in Stark, 200 acres lying on Oak Flat, in Stark, 145 acres lying in Danube, eighty-five acres in Minden, Montgomery county, a house and lot at Brookman's Corners, in the latter county, 180 acres in Garoga, Fulton county, forty acres in Constantia, Oswego county, and 158 acres in Lysander, Onondaga county. They also have two lots in Utica, Oneida county.

Tilyon, Abram, Stark, was born November 25, 1838, two miles east of Van Hornesville, a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Kinter) Tilyon. The grandfather, Joseph, was a Frenchman and a pioneer of Van Hornesville. He died in Stark, aged over ninety. His wife was Elizabeth Druse, who died a year earlier. They had these children: Elizabeth, Charlotte, Joseph, Stephen, Carlisle, Mary, Charles, Catharine and Alexander. Joseph was born in Stark September 19, 1807. He learned the cooper's trade, but was a farmer, owning 180 acres. He died March 25, 1882, and his wife in March, 1868. She was born April 13, 1807, and had eight children: Jonas, Catharine L., Abram, Edwin, Rensselaer, Leander, Daniel S. and Ellen C. Joseph married second Phebe Herkimer. Subject was raised on a farm, and at twenty-one began for himself

buying and shipping stock. In the spring of 1864 he bought his first farm of 176 acres. In 1876 he bought the homestead of his maternal grandfather of 180 acres. He also owned another of 112 acres, which he sold. He was elected justice at twenty-three, but refused to serve. He is an active Mason at Springfield Center. February 19, 1868, he married Hannah M. Turner, born in Warren, daughter of Appolas and Mary (Yule) Turner, natives of Grandville, Vt., and Warren, N. Y. When a young man he came to Warren and engaged in farming until his death, January 27, 1892, aged eighty-six. He was a Democrat. His wife survives him, aged eighty-one. They had three children: Sylvester, of Minnesota; Nicholas, of Branch, Mich., and Hannah M. Subject and wife have had two children: Willard J., of New Jersey, and Zula, who died, aged six years. Mr. and Mrs. Tilyon are Universalists.

Fikes, Willard, Stark, is a son of Adam H. and Amanda (Shimel) Fikes. His grandfather, Henry, was a son of Adam Fikes, who came to Stark and bought the farm where subject resides. His wife was a Miss Walts, and they had four children; Christina, Adam H., Menzo and Harvey. Menzo died young. Adam Fikes was born in 1883, and resided here all his life, except three years, when he lived in Fort Plain. He died January 1, 1881, leaving a wife and three children, Luella, deceased, Willard and Arthur. The wife of Adam was born in Stark, a daughter of Jacob and Katie (Fort) Shimel. The former was born in Jefferson county, and died at Richfield in June, 1890, aged ninety-two, and his wife died, aged seventy. They had ten children, nine survived: Lena, Ephraim, Louisa, Eli, Levi, who died young; Almira, Amanda, Sylvester, Lucy and Amelia C. Willard Fikes was born where he now resides May 28, 1861. He was educated at district schools, and after his father's death took charge of the farm, the fourth generation in possession of same. Arthur Fikes was born November 30, 1862, and married Carrie, daughter of William and Jennie (Fikes) Armstrong. They have one child, Howard J.

Cook, Chauncey, Manheim, was born in Salisbury August 16, 1822. He received his schooling in the town of Manheim, into which township his father moved in the spring of 1832. Chauncey Cook's grandfather and father came into this State from Connecticut about 1800 and settled in Salisbury. Mr. Cook owns 173 acres of dairy land on the Salisbury Road, upon which he keeps a tenant. He has about forty head of milch cows, besides other stock. He married Miss Jane Getman, of Fulton county, and has a family of two sons. One son, Charles Cook, is engaged in farming, and the other son, Malvin B., is in business in Little Falls.

Hadcock, Dr. E. P., Newport, was born in the town of Newport March 26, 1831, a son of Adam and Barbara Ann (Vanslyke) Hadcock, of Middleville. Dr. Hadcock's early education was obtained in the latter town. At the age of eighteen he went to Utica and studied dentistry with G. N. Foster and William Blakesly, and after perfecting himself in the profession located in Newport in 1852, where he has since remained, and is regarded by the profession as one of the skilled dental surgeons in this locality. He has been connected with many of the improvements of the village. He has served as president of the village and was on the school board for nine years, president all this time, and is at present the only original member living of Newport Lodge No 455 F.

& A. M. He has been for thirty years a member of Oneida Chapter 57. October 7, 1850, he married Henrietta I. Fonda, a native of Troy and a descendant of General Fonda. Their five children are as follows: Charles E., M. D., a graduate of Harvard College, where he still resides and practices; Henry L., a druggist of Boston, and a graduate of the Boston Pharmacy; Annie, wife of George D. Hawkins of Newport; Helen F., and Mabel H. One son, Freddie B., died in 1868, aged two years and six months.

Fikes, Jacob A., Stark, was born in Steuben county January 1, 1838, son of Adam and Catherine (Conderman) Fikes. The grandfather, Jacob, was born in Stark, and his father was born in Germany, and settled in Stark before the Revolutionary War. Jacob was in the War of 1812, and was born in Stark. He was over seventy years old when he died. His wife was Elizabeth Miller, and they raised eleven children: Michael, Peter, Adam, John, Jacob, James, Abram, who died young, Katie, Betsey, Clarinda, Mary A. and Margaret. Adam was raised in Stark where he lived all his life except three years in Steuben county. He died in Stark in 1866, aged fifty-three years. He served in various town offices, and was a Republican. He had three children and raised two: Jacob A. and Franklin. His wife still lives, aged eighty-two. She was born in Warren, a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Conderman) Bronner. Subject has always resided in Stark. After his marriage he began for himself, and after his father's death he bought the homestead farm of 150 acres, to which he has since added fifty acres. He owns another of 135 acres and one of 120 acres. He was elected in 1871 supervisor and served two terms, was elected justice of the peace in 1880, in 1885 commissioner of highways, and is now justice of the peace. He married, December 25, 1862, Mary L., daughter of Nelson and Maria (Frost) Phillips of Stark. Mr. and Mrs. Fikes have one child, Nelson A., who married Lillie M., daughter of David Ecker. They are Universalists.

Belshaw, Thomas, Warren, came from Ireland about 1755 with four children, and settled in Connecticut. In 1793 he settled near Fort Herkimer, and soon after he and others took 1,000 acres at Jordanville, where he died in 1827, in his ninety-second year. His wife, Elizabeth, bore him eight children: David, Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Betsey, Lydia, Sallie and Fannie, and died in 1808. His son David was born in Connecticut, near Hartford, June 26, 1777, and came to Herkimer county with his father. He died November 6, 1868. He was twice married, first in February, 1801, to Lydia Isham, born in Connecticut, a daughter of Zebulum and Rose (Ellis) Isham, who were early settlers of Warren. His first wife raised seven children: Rose E., Erastus, William, Flavilla, Lydia, Orilla and Sally. His wife died March 26, 1831. His second wife was Betsey Bennett. She died in 1872, aged eighty-one. William T. Belshaw was born October 19, 1804, where he now resides. He has filled minor town offices; and has twice married, first to Mary Rhodes of Brookfield, Madison county, who bore him two children: M. W. of San Francisco, Cal., and Rosetta McLaughlin of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who died in 1884, aged fifty-two. His wife died January 30, 1833, and he married, second, Huldah Durfee, born at Hamilton, Madison county, a daughter of Wing Durfee. She bore him four children: John T. of Antioch, Cal.; Mary C. Dye who died in



Minnesota in 1887, aged fifty: Lucy J., wife of Ira Starkweather, died October 2, 1892, aged fifty, and Violetta H., wife of James Purchase. His second wife died April 17, 1887. She was a Baptist, as were all the children. Mr. Belshaw has been an active Whig and Republican.

Beckwith, Clinton, Herkimer, was born in Herkimer, where he has always lived. His business has been contracting, and he is one of the heaviest operators in this part of the State, having completed many notable pieces of work. He is also prominent in the Democratic party, which has nominated him several times for local and State positions. Mr. Beckwith is full of enterprise, and is possessed of much ability.

Riley, James H., Little Falls, was born in Syracuse, N. Y., April 10, 1844. He received a good common school education and when eighteen years of age became identified with the carrying trade on the Erie canal, and after working for some years became the owner of boats, continuing in this business for twenty-eight years. In 1861 he enlisted in the 11th New York Cavalry, which was General Scott's body-guard, and afterwards President Abraham Lincoln's. After the war Riley returned and engaged in the rolling-mill business. About seven years ago he assumed control of the Mohawk Valley Hotel, which he has conducted successfully ever since. He is a member of Galpin Post No. 19, G. A. R. He married Nancy M. France, and they have two children.

Bullion, Clark L., Warren, was born in Warren September 21, 1865, a son of James and Phoebe (Cole) Bullion. The grandfather, Andrew, was a son of William, and married Isabella Marshall, both of Scotland, they had five children: James, Andrew, Alexander, Janette and Margaret. The last two named died in Scotland; the rest all came to the United States about 1800, and settled in Warren. Andrew Bullion located on 256 acres west of Cullen, and died in Richfield Springs. His first wife was Geneth Puller, and their children were: John, William, James, Isabel, Anna, Libbie and Mary. James Bullion was born west of Cullen, where he resided until his death in 1877, aged sixty-five. He was twice married, first, to a Miss McCready, by whom he had three children; Monroe of Nebraska, Nettie and Laura Ames. His second wife bore him two children: Jennie, deceased, wife of Curt Palmer, and Clark L. She died April 16, 1892, aged fifty-nine years. Clark L. received a district and seminary education, and since fourteen years of age has made his own living. He served in town offices as a Republican, and was collector. He owns 100 acres of the homestead, and has added twenty acres since. He married in November, 1884, Ida Bellinger, born at Jacksonburgh, a daughter of Norman and Anna (Baxter) Bellinger. They have one child, Harry J. Subject and wife are Universalists.

Buck, George W., Russia, was born in Russia, 1835, a son of William and Susan Buck. He was educated in the common schools, supplemented by several terms in the Fairfield Seminary, in which he was a member of the Calliop Society. February 14, 1871, he married Georgiana Ashley, a native of Chatham, Columbia county, N. Y., who was a daughter of Russel D. Ashley, a son of Abram, whose father was Abram Ashley, a native of England and an early settler at Ashley's Hill, Columbia county, N. Y.



Here he lived and died. Abram Ashley, jr., married a Miss Beebe, by whom he had seven sons and four daughters. He died about 1876. Russell D. Ashley, born in 1810, was a native of Columbia county, was reared on a farm, and early became a painter. In 1831 he married Sarah Gale, a native of New Lebanon, Columbia county, N. Y., born in 1812. To Mr. Ashley and wife were born two sons and two daughters. He was justice of the peace in Columbia county for sixteen years and died June 16, 1889, while residing with his daughter, Mrs. George Buck, of Poland. His wife died August 26, 1839. Mr. Buck and wife have one daughter, Flora M., born November 17, 1871. Mr. Buck is a farmer by occupation, and he and his brother own the old homestead. He also owns another farm of 270 acres.

Wainman, John, Warren, was born in Gargrave, Yorkshire, England, June 26, 1842, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Shepard) Wainman, who had seven sons and three daughters; Thomas, died in 1891 at Mohawk; Frank, died in 1884 at Richfield Springs; William, Alfred, Edward, Henry, John, Christiana, Sarah and Adelaide. The grandfather, Thomas, was born at Leeds, Yorkshire, a man well educated and informed. His wife was Christiana Yates, who bore him two sons, Alfred J. and Thomas. He died in England about 1835, and his widow came to the United States, with his son Thomas, and died in New Hartford, Oneida county, before the war. Alfred J. was the first to come to the United States, about 1843, and settled in Utica. He was a close friend of Roscoe Conkling, and was in the tanner and currier business at New Hartford. He is now in the custom house in New York. Thomas Wainman was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, received a college education at Leeds and Cambridge, where he became a teacher. In July, 1847, he came to this country, and located in Utica, where he followed his trade; he also ran a hotel. In 1851 he moved to Newport and engaged in the shoe business. Four years later he went to Salisbury, and in 1870 came to Jordanville, and followed his trade until his death in April, 1888. He was a Democrat and was a prominent Forester in England. His wife survives him. She was born in Kendall, Westmoreland county, England, daughter of Thomas Shepard, a farmer, who had ten children, three of whom came to the United States. John Wainman received a district school education, and at fifteen began to work on a farm by the month. In the spring of 1870 he located where he now resides, on 180 acres on the Robinson estate. He is an active Democrat, but has never married.

Freeman, David, Stark, was born in German Flats, near Fox Hollow, June 18, 1836, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Osterhout) Freeman. The grandfather, David, was born and died in Connecticut, and raised six children: Samuel, David, Henry, Seth, Mary and Phoebe, all of whom came to Herkimer county. Samuel came in 1820 to German Flats, where he died January 2, 1880, and his wife died November 20, 1885. They had nine children and raised seven: Henry, Louisa, Caroline, David, Anson, Joseph and Rosell. Subject's mother was born in Columbia, daughter of Jacob and Ann Osterhout, of Holland Dutch descent. David was raised in German Flats, received a district school education, and at nine left home and began earning his own living. He lived with Dan Wilson until he was twenty-one, but the latter died, and at sixteen he worked by the month wherever he could. At twenty he began the carpenter's trade, at which he

worked for seven years, then he worked by the month on a farm until the war broke out. August 29, 1864, he enlisted on the gun-boat *Dragone*, and saw service in Chesapeake bay. He was discharged March 29, 1865, at Washington navy yard, and returned to his home, where he engaged in cheese making at Wicks' Corners, in Stark. He spent one year in Springfield, but has resided most of his life in Stark. He owns six acres, and has served as inspector, excise commissioner, collector, justice and is now deputy sheriff. In politics he is a Democrat. July 3, 1856, he married Lucinda, daughter of Christian F. Bronner, a farmer of Stark. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman had three children: Rozeltha E., wife of Lewis H. Backus; Cynthia A., wife of Franklin House, and Floyd V. Subject and wife are active members of long standing in Freewill Baptist church.

Bennett, William, Norway, was born in Newport, July 23, 1834. His father was Hiram Bennett, a son of Joshua Bennett, who came from New England at an early date and settled in Ohio, where he died. Hiram Bennett came with his father to Ohio and here his life was spent. He married Almira Churchill, of Deerfield. She bore him six children. By his second wife, Lydia Cavanaugh, he had five. The death of Mr. Bennett occurred in 1861 and that of his wife in 1891. William Bennett married Emily I. Warner, a native of Connecticut, by whom he has had six children, two of whom are living, Gary and Olie. Mr. Bennett enlisted in the Eighty-first N. Y. S. V. regiment, Co. C, in November, 1861, for three years; was taken prisoner at the battle of Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864, taken to Andersonville prison and was paroled February 28, 1864, receiving his honorable discharge at Annapolis, May 16, 1865. Mr. Bennett is a carpenter by trade and runs a saw-mill. He has spent most of his life in Ohio, but during the last eight years has resided in Norway. In 1884 he purchased the Black Creek Western mill. He is a Republican and has been clerk of Ohio three years. He and his wife are Methodists.

Hodge, Ira, Norway, was born in Winfield, Herkimer county, in 1840. He is a son of David Hodge, a son of Robert Hodge, one of the first settlers of Ohio, where he spent his life in agricultural pursuits. The wife of Robert Hodge was Rosa Pell, who bore him twelve children, five of whom are living. David Hodge was a farmer. His wife was Patience Hall, who bore him eleven children. Mr. Hodge spent most of his life in Ohio, where he and his wife died. The subject was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He married Mary F. Warner, of New York, and they had the following children: Nellie I., Jessie W., David O., Florence E., Benjamin F., Polly M. and Nora O., all of whom are living except Nora O., who died in infancy. Mr. Hodge is a farmer and shingle maker. He, perhaps, has made more shingles than any other man in Herkimer county. In 1861 he enlisted in company C, Thirty-fourth N. Y. Volunteers, and at the end of two months was sent home for disability. In 1865 he was drafted and on account of disability was rejected. He did not receive his discharge until 1892.

Weeks, James N., Warren, was born in Greene county, August 22, 1819, a son of Townsend and Hannah (Nelson) Weeks. His grandfather, Solomon, came from Rhode Island, to Greene county, where he died. He raised a large family. Townsend

was born in Greene county in 1796, and moved to Canada on Lake Ontario, where he resided until his death. He had four children: James N., Rob, George and Rachel A. Subject's mother was born in Greene county, a daughter of James and Berzilla (LaValley) Nelson. He served in the war of 1812, and earlier in the British army. He left a widow and two children: Hannah and Betsey. Subject's mother married for second husband John Lawton, by whom she had one child, Robert. Our subject went with his parents to Canada where he remained two and a half years, then came to Albany county. Since the age of twelve he has supported himself. He had a district school education, and at the age of eighteen began the blacksmith's trade in Greene county, and worked at Albany and other places until 1840, when he came to Warren and followed his trade at Little Lakes. In 1861 he bought and located on 212 acres where he resides, and carried on farming. He now owns 196 acres, has served as justice nine years, and assessor many terms, as a Democrat. He married July 28, 1841, Martha, daughter of Joseph and Julia (Tunnicliff) McChesney, by whom he has seven children: Hannah, Conkline, John of Michigan, Nelson who enlisted in the Ninety-second New York Regiment and was killed at Petersburg, Ira of Iowa, James, George, Ida wife of W. Vibber, and Charles. Subject's wife died September 28, 1891, aged seventy-three years.

Crumby, John A., Fairfield, is a native of Newport, and was born June 6, 1827. He was a carpenter by trade and followed it up twenty-five years ago, when he took up farm gardening, which he has since followed very successfully. His father was Minor Crumby. He served in the army in 1812 at Sackett's Harbor. In 1851 John A. Crumby married Mary Benckley and they have two children, a daughter and a son, Elizabeth and Frederick. Mr. Crumby is a Democrat and has belonged to several societies. He is one of the old residents of this part and one of the best known men in the locality.

Burt, Delos M., Little Falls, farmer, is a native and life-long resident of this town. He is forty-seven years of age and has been collector of the town, and commissioner of highways. He is a Democrat in politics and is much esteemed by that party. He occupies his father's farm of 127 acres of land, which is devoted to dairying and largely to the raising of grass. His wife was Mary E. Brown and they have two children, John S. and Katie Belle. The family are adherents of the Universalist church. Mr. Burt is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Grange and is a leading farmer of Little Falls.

Dietz, Charles, Salisbury, was born in Germany, February 19, 1824. He came to this country in 1851. He has operated a tannery at Salisbury Center for the past nineteen years. Mr. Dietz married Christiana Pickett, a daughter of John Pickett, and they have three children, one son and two daughters. Mr. Dietz is a thorough and competent tanner and a reputable citizen. He gives employment to a number of assistants at different times.

Fish, Charles P., Litchfield, a farmer, was born in that town August 20, 1855, and married Belle Coolidge by whom he has four children: Lois C., Bertha B., Mary P.

and Warren L. Charles P. Fish was a son of Samuel, a native of this town and a son of Elias W., who came here with his father, Nathaniel, one of the first settlers. Mrs. Belle Fish is a daughter of Warren Coolidge, a native of Frankfort and a son of Horace Coolidge, also a resident of Frankfort.

Easton, Hon. Henry L., Stark, came from Connecticut and settled in Cedarville. He was an extensive farmer and manufacturer and represented his district in the Assembly in 1837. His wife was Elizabeth Deivendorf, by whom he had five children: Mahlon, Ellen, Charlon, Hannah and Frank. He died from an accident in the saw-mill aged seventy-five. His son, Charlon, was born in Cedarville. He resides at Richfield Springs, being a contractor and builder by trade. He is a Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He married Mary, daughter of John and Hannah (Cronkite) Coapman of Hallsville, by whom he had two children: Fred E. and Maude M. Fred E. Easton was born December 18, 1861, in Cedarville, receiving a common and high school education. He taught school for three years. At fifteen he began the study of medicine. At eighteen he entered an office at Moravia, Cayuga county. In the winter of 1881-82 he took a course in the Albany Medical College, and was a student of Dr. A. Vandever. He graduated in 1884 from Long Island College Hospital, at Brooklyn. In 1885 he located at Richfield Springs, and in July, 1890, removed to Van Hornesville. He was health officer at Richfield Springs three years, was four years clerk of Board of Education, and is health officer where he now resides. He is an active member of the County Medical Society and the Royal Arcanum. He is a Republican. He married, October 5, 1886, Celestia Edna, daughter of Barton and Melvina (Wood) Richardson, of Cayuga county. They are Universalists.

Helmer, Henry J., Warren, was born where he now resides July 9, 1838, a son of Henry A. and Fanny (Rasbach) Helmer. His grandfather was Adam F., a son of Frederick A., who was a son of Lendert, who came from Palatinate, Germany, in 1710, and located first on the Hudson, and later came to Canajoharie. In the winter and spring of 1723 he located in Herkimer county, and received a deed of 100 acres in 1825, where he lived and died. Frederick A. Helmer was born in Herkimer August 16, 1725, and died March 5, 1804. His wife was Barbara Elizabeth Homan, born in Holland, and came to America in 1754. They had three children, Conrad, Margaret and Adam F. Adam F. Helmer was born at Herkimer July 7, 1770, and located on 100 acres, where our subject resides, in Warren, which he cleared and improved. His wife was Anna Margaret Harter, born near Fort Herkimer January 28, 1773, a daughter of Captain Henry and Catharine (Piper) Harter, both born in Herkimer county. Captain Harter was born February 17, 1730, and served as captain in the French and Indian War. In 1757 he and his wife were taken prisoners to Canada for one year. Their first child was born while in captivity. Adam F. Helmer raised eight children: Hannah, Henry A., Barbara E., Laurence, Catharine, Frederick A., Peter H. and Anna M. Adam F. Helmer died December 30, 1854. His wife died December 1, 1859, where subject resides. Henry A. Helmer was born September 7, 1797, on the farm (where subject resides) in the town of Warren, and where he died September 2, 1868. He

owned 220 acres. He was a Democrat until 1856, when he and his brothers all became Republicans. They had eight children and raised seven: Adam H., Elizabeth, John R., James H. (died at six), Mary C., Anna M., Henry J. and Harriet P., all married except the oldest sister. Subject's mother was a daughter of John and Nancy (Moak) Rasbach, born February 19, 1800, in the town of Herkimer, and died November 2, 1872, in Warren. Our subject received a district and seminary education and spent four winters in teaching. After his father's death he took charge of the homestead, served as justice and was an active Republican. He married September 29, 1868, Lucy, daughter of Otis and Mary (Palmer) Ames, of Richfield, Otsego county. He was born October 15, 1843, in Richfield, Otsego county. Subject had two children, Fred A. and Ross D. Subject is a Mason and his wife is a member of the M. E. church.

Suits, Hiram, was born in Minden, Montgomery county, November 14, 1830, son of Thomas and Laura E. (Hurlbert) Suits. His grandfather, Henry, was born near Stone Arabia. His father was a pioneer of Palatine, Montgomery county. Henry Suits came to Minden about 1828 or 1830, where he died at an advanced age. He served in the war of 1812. Subject and wife had these children: John, Thomas, David, James, Henry, Betsey, Margaret, Jane and Ann. Subject's father located in Minden about 1825, where he resided until 1841, when he located in Starkville as a blacksmith, later at Cramer's Corners. In the fall of 1856 he moved to Boone county, Illinois, where he died in 1871. His wife died in Lincoln county, Nebraska. He raised six children: Sara Flint, widow, living in Nebraska; Helen Miller, a widow living in Illinois; Hiram, Mary Peck, of Illinois; Henry, of Texas, who served in the secret service during the war, and went from Missouri under General Millroy. John died in Boone county, Illinois, about 1873. Hiram received a district school education, and at twenty began for himself at the carpenter's trade, which he followed ten years, when he leased the farm where he lives of sixty-three acres, which he now owns. He has another farm of 126 acres. He served as justice and is an active Republican. He married July 4, 1854, Margaret, daughter of James D. and Margaret (Cramer) Weldon, by whom he has one child, James, born April 25, 1860, in Stark, who married November 5, 1884, Libbie M., daughter of Hiram and Marinda (Bronner) Ward. They have one child, Clark.

Carrier, Colonel David R., Winfield, was the first president of the First National Bank of West Winfield, and held that position until his death. He was the first postmaster of West Winfield, and also a merchant there. He married first Betsey Tompkins, who died May 5, 1860. His second wife is Hannah, daughter of Simeon Bucklen, one of the first settlers of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Carrier had two children, the eldest, Bessie A., who married H. T. Anthony, of Leonardsville, Madison county, and they have one son, Rae C.; the son, David R. Carrier, is in business in Chicago, Ill. Colonel David R. Carrier was born December 27, 1795, and died April 7, 1880.

Brace, Frank L., Winfield, was born at North Winfield June 6, 1852, and educated at West Winfield Academy and Whitestown Seminary, graduating from the latter in 1872. He engaged in farming and fruit-growing until 1892, when he began the pul-

location of a weekly newspaper in West Winfield entitled *The West Winfield Star*. Mr. Brace has always been a staunch Republican and active in political work. He was justice of the peace for two terms, supervisor in 1891, and re-elected in 1892 by a majority of 105. He has served as a member of the Republican county committee for two years past. He is also a member of the First Congregational church here, and has been for many years the superintendent of its Sunday-school. He married in 1876, Martha J. McDonald, of Vernon Center. Frank L. is a son of Lucius F. Brace, and he was a son of Asahel Brace, a native of Litchfield county, Connecticut, and one of the first settlers of Winfield. He was a captain in the war of 1812, stationed at Sackett's Harbor.

Cooper, B. L., Little Falls, is a native of this place, and has followed farming principally all his life. He owns two fine farms and a herd of eighty cows. In 1891 he came to this village, and February 2, 1892, began the manufacture of cheese-boxes, selling to the factories in this vicinity. In 1868 he married Josephine Alexander, and they have five children, four daughters and a son. Mr. Cooper is also interested in the Eatonville cheese factory. He is a Democrat in politics.

Smith, George L., Little Falls, the subject of this sketch, is a son of the head of the firm of Smith & Bushnell. He is a native of Little Falls and was born in 1864. At the age of nineteen he entered the mill with his father, and in 1887 they built their own fine stone mill, in which they manufacture shoddy and wool extracts. Mr. George L. Smith is manager of the mill, while his father looks after the outside business. He is popular in society and is a member of several organizations of this town.

Graves, Solomon, Russia, was born February 24, 1819, in Russia, N. Y., a son of John, who was a son of Russell. John Graves was born December 22, 1778, and came from Stephentown, Rensselaer county, to Newport, N. Y., at the age of sixteen, with his only property, an axe, on his shoulder, jobbing it in clearing land until he bought land of his own, which he cleared up and paid for by his own efforts. He first purchased 106 acres of land, on which subject now lives, afterwards adding 144 acres, making 250 in all. September 30, 1800, he married Abigail Munn, born December 27, 1780, by whom he had three sons: Crosby, Ezra and John R. She died December 27, 1816, and in 1818 he married Esther Smith, a native of Rhode Island, born December 19, 1784, by whom he had two sons and a daughter. Mr. Graves was sheriff of Herkimer county one term, justice of the peace, school commissioner, supervisor, and was twice elected member of the Assembly. He died in 1855 and his wife in 1860. Solomon Graves was educated in the common schools of Russia, in Clinton Liberal Institute and Union College, graduating from the latter in 1842. April 27, 1842, he married Margaret Smith, a native of Williamsville, Erie county, born February 27, 1821, a daughter of Oziel Smith, of Clarendon, Rutland county, Vt., born April 14, 1784, and Phoebe Norton, born October 22, 1789, in Berkshire, Richmond county, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had four daughters and one son. He died January 3, 1836, and his wife, March 13, 1890, at the age of 100 years. To Mr. Graves and wife were born five children: Edward O., Crosby J., Charles A., William H. and Jessie, the latter two

deceased. Mr. Graves taught school a short time, then engaged in farming on the old homestead, until 1850. He next purchased property in Geneva and resided there a short time, but soon returned to the old home, where he remained until 1873 when he sold out, and in 1876 went to Washington, D. C., and engaged in the manufacture of ornamental and architectural terra cotta work and sewer pipe for four years. In 1889 he bought back the old homestead, on which he has since resided. He was an early and earnest Republican and has been school commissioner a number of years and supervisor five years. In 1859 he represented the First district of Herkimer county in the Assembly. He is a member of Newport Lodge, No. 455, F. & A. M.

Weeks, Levi, Stark, was born at Ford's Bush, Montgomery county, September 9, 1799. In 1820 he was married to Jane Hollenbeck. When twenty-one years old he began farming at Amsterdam. In 1833 he located where his son Willard now lives. He died February 3, 1890, and his wife about five years earlier, aged eighty-five years. He served as supervisor several terms, and as justice several terms. He was a Democrat. In 1856 he became a Republican. He raised thirteen children: David H., Dr. Benedict A., Hiram, John, Solomon, Willard and Albert, who served in the First N. Y. Light Artillery, and died, aged nineteen, about three weeks after being mustered out of service; Louisa, Jane, Anna, Marion, Laura and Maria, the three latter living. Willard Weeks was born where he now lives, December 11, 1842. He received a common school education and owns his father's homestead of 120 acres, also another farm adjoining of 110 acres. He served as supervisor two terms and justice one term. He is a Republican. He married, August 29, 1882, Samantha Whited, who was born in West Troy, daughter of George W. and Eleanor (Lyon) Whited. They have two children living: George L. and Clara A. They are members of the M. E. church.

Fitzgerald, John W., Little Falls, was born June 24, 1857, in the town of Fairfield. In March, 1874, he entered Fairfield Seminary, and graduated with honors in 1879, taking a three years' classical course. December 15, 1880, he commenced the study of law in the office of Hon. Arphaxed Loomis and Watts T. Loomis, and was admitted to the bar in April, 1882, and has continued his connection with that office ever since. In 1884 he commenced the business of insurance in connection with law. In 1891 he bought out the interests of the late Philo Reed, in connection with W. S. Reed, uniting these two agencies under the firm name of Fitzgerald & Reed. The agency now represents the largest insurance companies doing business, and more actual assets than any other agency in New York State. The interest of Mr. Reed in the agency was purchased by Mr. Fitzgerald, January 1, 1893.

Geywits, Adam, Warren, was born near Van Hornesville, town of Stark, December 18, 1846, was a son of Isaac and Lana (Springer) Geywits. The grandfather, John, was born in Stark. His father came from Germany in colonial days, and settled about a mile north of Van Hornesville, where he died. He owned 580 acres in Stark. He died in 1813. His wife was Elizabeth Fish, by whom he had these children: John, Adam, Isaac, Susan, Irena and Margaret. Isaac was born in Stark, December 19, 1813, a carpenter and builder by trade. He and C. T. E. Van Horne built the saw-mill at Van Hornesville in 1859. He died there May 27, 1887. He was a



Whig and Republican, and was twice married. His first wife bore him nine children, four of whom survive: Adam, George, who died, aged twenty-one; David and Elizabeth Miller. His wife died in 1861. His second wife was Elizabeth (Chappel) Fort. Subject's mother was born in Stark, a daughter of Loadwick Springer, whose wife was a Miss Coon. Adam was raised in Van Hornesville, and received a common school education, and at eighteen he began for himself, working for O. A. Shipman & Son. At twenty-one he engaged in the cheese box business, with D. S. Tilyon, one year. He rented the saw-mill of his father for four years; then, in 1875, he engaged in furniture manufacture at Van Hornesville, continuing some ten years, the first and only factory of its kind in the village. In 1885 he located on 112 acres, where he now resides. He is a Republican. On December 30, 1878, he married Angeline, daughter of Cornelius J. and Rachel (Druse) Connine, natives of Springfield. Mr Connine was a son of Cornelius Connine, who early came to Springfield, and whose father came from Holland. Subject has three children: George C., Charles W. and Calista E.

Walrath, Levi, Stark, was born where he resides, September 19, 1827, a son of Adolphus H. and Sophia (Moyer) Walrath. The grandfather was a pioneer of Minden, Montgomery county, and raised two sons: Adolphus and Peter. Subject's father was born in Minden, and finally settled in Stark, where he owned 400 acres before his death. He died in November, 1863, aged eighty years. His wife died February 20, 1864, aged seventy-seven years; they had ten children: John A., Jerry, Charity, Mary, Nancy, Sally, Joanna, Moses, Levi and Betsey, three now living. Levi Walrath owns 350 acres of land. He cared for his parents until their death. He runs a large dairy and has served in various town offices, being an active Republican. He married March 16, 1862, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Pamela (Hann) Zoller, and she died September 16, 1862. He married second, March 25, 1865, Anna, a sister of his first wife, by whom he had two children: John A. and Levi. Mr. and Mrs. Walrath are members of the Lutheran church.

McMillan, J. L., German Flats, was born in Cambridge, Washington county, April 8, 1859. He taught a year in the Putnam Institute, then was clerk for a time and subsequently engaged in manufacturing. He is the inventor of the type-setting machine and is manager of a company manufacturing them in Ilion. He has also invented a type-distributor. In 1889 Mr. McMillan married Miss Martha E. Weaver and they have one daughter. Mr. McMillan has been nine years in Ilion.

Walrath, Marvin, Danube, was born in Danube, April 9, 1845, and comes of old Revolutionary stock. A grandfather of Marvin was a captain in the patriot army, and was killed at Herkimer. Henry I., father of the subject, was a native of Minden, and followed his trade of merchant tailoring, combined with agricultural pursuits, until his death. Marvin owns a farm of 137 acres in Danube, is engaged in the wholesale bottling business, putting up cider, lager and cider vinegar, for a trade which extends throughout Herkimer county, St. Johnsville, etc. Mr. Walrath married Cordelia Ingersoll, and they have five children, four sons and a daughter. He has served his district nine years as trustee, etc., and is identified with the Masonic fraternity, Royal Arcanum, etc.



Helligas, E. B., Fairfield, a native of St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, came to Fairfield at the age of seven. He owns a fine dairy farm of fifty-three acres, and raises thoroughbred Jersey cattle, the only farmer in the town making a specialty of this breed. In 1873 he married Ada V. Willard, a descendant of one of the first settlers of the town. They now occupy a portion of the farm cleared by her ancestors, and have four children: Mary T., Ward W., Charles J. and Clara A. The mother of Mr. Helligas was a native of Manheim, and his father was born in Jefferson county.

Way, William H., Schuyler, was born in Amsterdam, Montgomery county, August 20, 1827. He moved to West Schuyler when a small boy, where he has resided over fifty years. In 1855 he married Margaret A. McGraw, who died in 1868. They had five children: Hiram A., William C., Herbert C., Frank A. and Cora A., who died July 8, 1871. June 21, 1870, he married Mrs. Julia E. Way, of Ilion. He is commissioner of highways and has been school trustee, and is one of the representative men of Schuyler.

Flansburg, John V., Ohio, was born in Ohio, May 15, 1838. His father was Bartholomew, a son of Richard Flansburg, of Revolutionary fame, who was a boatman from Albany to Fort Stanwix. Joseph Flansburg was a resident of Mayfield, Fulton county, and at an early day came to Russia, and afterwards went to Hasenclever Hills, Herkimer county, and spent the remainder of his days. He was in the war of 1812. Bartholomew Flansburg was born in Mayfield in 1809. He married Angeline Stephens, of Russia, by whom he had six sons and four daughters. In 1824 Mr. Flansburg came to Ohio and purchased a farm, where he lived and died May 3, 1882. He was a Whig and later a Republican. He and his wife were Methodists. The latter is now living with her son, Francis, in Wilmurt, at the age of eighty-two. John V. Flansburg was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools of Ohio, where he has always lived. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, Ninety-seventh regiment, N.Y. Volunteers, and was in service eighteen months. He was in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock Station, Thoroughfare Gap and the Second Bull Run. At the latter battle he was wounded and held prisoner on the field eight days, when he made his escape and joined the hospital corps, where he remained from September 9, 1862, to January 30, 1863, being then discharged. At the close of the war he returned to his home in Ohio, and has since followed farming. October 17, 1868, he married Sarah E. Conklin, daughter of Henry S. and Annie (Edick) Conklin, of Columbia county. Mr. Conklin and wife were early settlers of Ohio, where both died. Subject and wife have one child, Dean R. August 6, 1871, Mrs. Flansburg died, and February 19, 1874, he married second, Ann Cumming. She died September 29, 1877, and in 1878 he married Jane Boyce, of Saratoga, daughter of David and Elizabeth Boyce. By his third marriage he has four children: Earl G., Edna A., Edith M. and Fred. Mr. Flansburg is a Republican.

Beals, Rev. Oliver B., Litchfield, was born on the farm where he now lives July 25, 1832, and is an ordained minister of the Unitarian church. He was school commissioner of the second district of Herkimer county, which position he held nine years. He was associated with Judge Graves, of Herkimer, and they were delegates to the New York Constitutional Convention from this district. Mr. Beals was on the com-

mitter on education, he being the only school commissioner in the convention. His theory in relation to the enlargement of the canals was adopted by the finance committee and by the convention. He married Emma Champion, and they have four children: Mrs. I. K. Fish, Oliver W. and John D., who are lawyers in New York city, and Morell B., who is a practicing physician in New York city.

Myers, J. H., German Flats, was born in German Flats April 16, 1831, and has been a farmer all his life, though he has also been engaged in other pursuits. He was in the brick business with T. E. Coe for some time, and for seven or eight years was a cheese seller. He has a dairy of about forty cows. In 1865 Mr. Myers married Anna E. Shull, and they have a son, John H. Myers, jr., and a daughter, Florence A. Mr. Myers's father was John H. and his grandfather Henry J., a native of Herkimer. His mother was Maria Bellinger.

Alexander, Mrs. James, Fairfield, widow of James Alexander, is a native of Salisbury. Her father was Rodolphus Gillette. In 1847 she married James Alexander, who died May 24, 1889. She has three children living: Mrs. B. I. Cooper, Mrs. James B. Hart and Miss Jennie Alexander. Mrs. Alexander owns 140 acres of land, which she rents out. She is a member of the Episcopal church and is a most estimable lady.

Andrews, George F., carriage manufacturer, Little Falls, is a native of Cooperstown, Otsego county, and was born in 1851. He has been in the carriage business all his life, but commenced his present enterprise February 1, 1882. His business life extends over twenty-three years and has been successful. He is highly esteemed in this town, and at present holds the office of exciseman. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arcanum and other social organizations.

Alvord, John M., Frankfort, was born in Frankfort October 11, 1835, he being one of three children of Joseph M. and Desire (Hakes) Alvord, of Frankfort. His grandfather, Medad Alvord, was born in Connecticut, and came to New York State when quite a young man. Desire Hakes, the mother, was a daughter of John and Catherine Hakes, of Little Falls. He married Eliza Elmer, of Sauquoit, by whom he had three children: Mary L. (Mrs. David F. Davis), Rosa D. (Mrs. Edward Brigham), and Harriet C. (Mrs. Robert Salisbury), their mother dying when they were young. He subsequently married Angeline Woodbridge, of Gulph, Frankfort. He has always lived in Frankfort, running his farm as a dairy. He has been postmaster of Gulph post-office since the office was first established six years ago.

Avery, Sanford, Litchfield, was born in this town April 20, 1825. His father, John S., was one of the first settlers of this town. Sanford Avery married Clara Davis, who died, leaving two children, Ella M. and Albert F. He married second Harriet E. True. Mr. Avery has a dairy and fruit farm, and ships berries to different markets and to New York.

Allen, W. D., Frankfort, one of six children of James K. and Nancy E. (Sherwood) Allen, was born in the town of Norwich, N. Y., November 25, 1857. Isaac Allen, the grandfather, was born in New York city: Nancy E. Sherwood, the mother, was born

at Guilford, N. Y., her father, William Sherwood, having been born in Connecticut. William D. Allen left his native town when twenty-five years of age, going into the railroad business, first with the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad, coming from there to the West Shore Railroad shops office at Frankfort. He advanced to the position of chief clerk of motive power and rolling stock, and has occupied that position to the present time.

Avery, William W. Litchfield, was born on the farm where he now lives November 9, 1818, a son of John S., who came from Preston, Conn., and was one of the first settlers of this town. He married Apphia P. Remington. John S. Avery died December 28, 1878, aged eighty-seven years. He left eight children, of whom seven are living. William W. married Emeline Hopson, and they have ten children living: Apphia J., Elva F., Frances E., Erford H., William M., Edward H., Annette L., John S., Nellie M. and Dollie N. John S. married Cora B. Doremus, and they reside on the old homestead.

Abeel, J. W., Ohio, was born December 7, 1855, in Ohio, N. Y. His father was Albert, a son of David Abeel, a native of Greene county, born in 1795. The wife of David Abeel was Gertrude Myers, and they had four sons and two daughters. Mr. Abeel came to Ohio, where he died in 1844, and his wife in 1867 at the age of sixty-five years. Albert Abeel was born in Greene county in 1812 and came to Ohio with his parents. September 16, 1841, he married Mary Snyder, a native of Greene county, born in 1820. She was a daughter of Jonas and Rhoda Snyder. To Albert and wife were born two sons and two daughters. He was a farmer and hotel proprietor, and for many years he also carried on the mercantile business. He was a Republican in politics, supervisor sixteen years, justice of peace twelve years and assessor a number of years. He died December 18, 1891, and his wife resides with J. W. The latter was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and in Utica Business College. In 1890 he married Viola, daughter of Robert and Catherine Richards, of Ohio. Mr. Abeel is a farmer and continues his father's mercantile business. He is a Republican and was supervisor three years in succession. He is a member of Ohio Grange, No. 686, and is a supporter of the Methodist church. Jonas Snyder came to Ohio and resided a short time, then went to Greene county, where his wife died. He then went to live with his daughter, and there died. They had one son and two daughters. Mr. Snyder was in the war of 1812.

Ackler, John A., Litchfield, was born in Columbia July 29, 1853, and settled on the farm where he now lives in 1867. He married Belle, daughter of Elijah Manning, of Columbia. John A. is a son of Jacob Ackler, a native of Columbia, and he was a son of Jacob, who came to Columbia from Danube with his father, Leonard Ackler, who was a soldier of the Revolution, entering the army at the age of sixteen. His parents were German and were among the first settlers of Danube. Jacob Ackler, grandfather of John A., had seven children: Jacob jr., David, Deborah, Dorathy, Mary, Phillip and Emily Ackler. All are living in this county.

Angell, M. D., German Flats, was born in Otsego county September 7, 1848, and spent the first twelve years of his life on the farm. He came to Ilion, and after fol-

lowing various pursuits established himself in the undertaking business in 1888. He was chief of police in Ithaca for one year and is a Republican in politics. His father was F. C. Angell, an artist, and his grandfather came from Connecticut.

Blatchley, James W., Warren, was born where he now lives May 20, 1842, and is a son of Seeley and Anna Webb Blatchley. His grandfather was James and his great-grandfather Seeley Blatchley, who came from Connecticut. The subject's grandfather was born in Saratoga county and came to Warren with his parents. He owned six or seven hundred acres of land. His wife was Elizabeth Keeler, who bore him six children. The subject's father was born in Warren in 1808, where he died in July, 1889; his widow survives. She was born March 16, 1816, and bore him three children: James W., Ceylon E. and Francis M. He left a farm of 300 acres. James W. Blatchley received an academic education, and has carried on dairying and hop raising as a special feature. He has also been engaged for ten years in the agricultural implement business. He is a Republican and has been supervisor and justice in a Democratic town. He married, February 25, 1875, Ella, daughter of John and Polly (Shaul) Wickoff, who bore him one child, Ella, who died at fourteen. Mrs. Blatchley died March 16, 1877. She was a Baptist.

Bloomfield, Charles W., Warren, was born where he now resides December 25, 1854, a son of Allen and Rosalinda (Ded.) Bloomfield. His grandfather was Joseph and his great grandfather Jonathan, who came from Connecticut and settled on the farm where our subject now lives, and which has been in the possession of the family since. Joseph Bloomfield was born July 10, 1790, married Hannah Abbott, and died July 26, 1862; she died December 17, 1887. Allen Bloomfield was born April 24, 1821, and received an academic education. He followed farming until 1872, when he moved to Richfield Springs, where he has been prominently engaged in important business enterprises. He was twice married. Charles W. Bloomfield received an academic education and in 1876 settled upon the homestead. He is a Republican and has held town offices. He married, October 12, 1876, Libbie, daughter of John and Caroline (Filkins) McReady of Stark. They have two children: Allen J. and Russell W. Mrs. Bloomfield is a Universalist.

Bennett, William, Norway, was born in Newport July 23, 1834. His father was Hiram Bennett, a son of Joshua Bennett, who came from New England at an early date and settled in Ohio where he died. Hiram Bennett came with his father to Ohio and here his life was spent. He married Almira Churchill of Deerfield. She bore him six children. By his second wife, Lydia Cavanaugh he had five. The death of Mr. Bennett occurred in 1861, and that of his wife in 1891. Wm. Bennett married Emily I. Warner, a native of Connecticut, by whom he had six children, two of whom are living, Gary and Olie. Mr. Bennett is a carpenter by trade and runs a saw-mill. He has spent most of his life in Ohio, but during the last eight years has resided in Norway. In 1884 he purchased the Back Creek Western Mill. He is a Republican and has been clerk of Ohio three years. He and wife are Methodists.

Brooks, Fred, Ohio, a native of England, was born April 10, 1845. His father, Charles Brooks, was a manufacturer of wooden goods, and his wife was Ann Pugson, by

whom he had six sons and seven daughters. In 1849 Mr. Brooks came to America and settled in Vermont, where he remained a short time, then went to Massachusetts. He soon returned to Vermont and there remained until 1855, when he moved to Utica. In 1857 he went to Little Falls, and was foreman in one department of the Mohawk Woolen Mills. He went to Ohio and lived three years, and then went to New Albany, Ind., where he died December 23, 1891, and his wife died February 7, 1890. Fred Brooks was raised in Utica and in Little Falls, and was educated in the common schools. February 3, 1864, he enlisted in the Second N. Y. Heavy Artillery and served until the close of the war. He was at the battle of Spottsylvania and the Wilderness, and was wounded and in the hospital six weeks. At the close of the war Mr. Brooks returned to Ohio, where he has since resided. July 3, 1869, he married Annie Ashman of Ohio, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ashman, natives of Germany. Mrs. Ashman died February 16, 1870. Mr. Ashman now resides at Cold Brook. Fred Brooks and wife have two children: Cora L., who married James P. Nellis; and Everett W. Mr. Brooks is a Democrat and has been collector, overseer of the poor, and highway commissioner. He is a member of Ohio Grange No. 686.

Bellinger, John, Norway, was born in Remsen September 15, 1820. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ingersoll) Bellinger, who reared three children. Mrs. Bellinger died and Mr. Bellinger married Julia Dibble, by whom he had seven children. Jacob Bellinger was born in Oppenheim, and afterwards settled in Bellingertown, in Remsen, the former named in honor of his uncle and father. During the latter years of his life, Mr. Bellinger lived with the subject in Ohio, where he died in 1874. John Bellinger was reared on a farm. His mother died when he was six years of age, and since the age of nine years he has supported himself. In 1848 he married Lydia Anthony, by whom he has three sons and one daughter. Mr. Bellinger owns 130 acres of land. He is a Democrat in politics. In 1884 Mrs. Bellinger died and he married Lizzie Mullen of Crogan, Jefferson county. He and wife are members of the M. E. Church.

Brown, Edward A., Dolgeville, was born at Turin, Lewis county, N. Y., October 30, 1848. He received an academic education and studied law with his father, the Hon. E. A. Brown, county judge of Lewis county, and was admitted to practice law by the first general term which sat at Rochester, September 3, 1871. After practicing his profession in Lowville for some time, he formed a law partnership with Samuel Earl and Judge George W. Smith, of Herkimer, the firm being known as Earl, Smith & Brown. This firm continued till July 1, 1876, and did a very large business. Then Mr. Brown formed a co-partnership with Judge Mitchell, of Herkimer, which continued till the spring of 1887. Mr. Brown came to Dolgeville in 1890. He does a large business here, having charge of Alfred Dolge's transactions in this line. In 1888 Mr. Brown was a presidential elector for Harrison and Morton.

Budlong, Capt. A. J., German Flats, was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., December 2, 1844, but removed to Frankfort, Herkimer county, at an early age. He was in the 'bus business seven years, after which he was conductor on a Wagner car for some time. He then bought a steam packet and has run it on the canal ever since. In 1863 he married Minerva J. Harris, of Frankfort. He has been captain of the Thirty-first

Separate Company N. G. S. N. Y. since 1884. Captain Badlong is a prominent Mason and a member of the Knights of Birmingham.

Baker, Albert, German Flats, was born in Springfield, Mass., October 15, 1818. He learned his trade in Chicopee Falls and came to Ilion in 1847. He has been a contractor in the Armory for over forty years and has charge of the forging done in the works. Mr. Baker married Julia Manning, by whom he had one son, Franklin A., who married a Miss Davenport. Franklin A. Baker died in 1888, leaving four sons. Mr. Baker is largely interested in orange groves in Florida.

Burton, David, German Flats, was born in Deerfield, October 12, 1811, and was a farmer all his life, till he retired a few years ago. He lived forty years in Frankfort. His father was Nathan Burton. In 1841 Mr. Burton married Rosina Whitney, and has one son, Nathan. His wife died about forty years ago. Mr. Burton is one of the sterling old men of Herkimer county and holds the highest esteem and fullest confidence of all classes.

Ball, Howard H., a farmer, also town clerk of Litchfield for the second term, was born on the farm, where he now lives, May 12, 1856, and married Elisabeth Fish, of Frankfort. They have two children: Florence A. and Felda. Howard H. Ball, a son of Hartley Ball, was also town clerk, and was born on the farm occupied and owned by his son, Howard H. Hartley Ball was a son of Captain Joseph Ball, who came from one of the Eastern States when a boy with his father, who settled on this farm when the country was new. He was appointed captain and served in a military company. He died in 1872, aged ninety-four years. Elisabeth Ball was a daughter of Samuel P. Fish, formerly a resident of this town, and supervisor of Litchfield.

Ball, Elias B., Litchfield, a farmer and grocer, has been overseer of the poor, county commissioner of highways, collector, and assessor of the town of Litchfield, where he was born February 23, 1808. He is a son John Ball, a native of New Hampshire; he was one of four brothers, Nathaniel, David, Joseph and John A., who came here the next year after the first settler, Elijah Snow, who settled this town in 1786. Elias B. Ball married first Fanny, daughter of Kellup Holden. She died leaving four children: Horatio G., Varnum, Adelia, and Celice L. He married second Mary Ann Wilkenson, by whom he has four sons and one daughter living, Ira E., Alfred J., Sarah D., Eli J. and Daniel E. Mrs. Ball is a daughter of Ira Wilkenson, one of the prominent men of this town.

Barnes, Deacon Charles, Litchfield, was born in Ghent, Columbia county, March 26, 1802, and February 18, 1830, married Maria Ludlow in the town of Austerlitz, Columbia county, N. Y. April, 1831, they removed to Jerusalem Hill, Herkimer county, and in 1837 he settled on the farm where his son George now resides. When he came to Litchfield his brother, David Barnes, was pastor of the church at Norwich Corners from 1830 to 1835, and in 1836 David removed to Oneida Lake, Madison county, where he died September 5, 1899, aged ninety-three years. Charles Barnes had four sons: James, Richard, Charles and George, all living. The oldest, James L., was a member of Company E., One Hundred and Fifty-second New York Volunteers, enlisting Sep-

tember 6, 1862. He was discharged June 15, 1865, having attained the rank of sergeant. He was severely wounded at the battle of Spotsylvania Court-house, May 12, 1864; was crippled for life. Two of the sons, James and George, live in Litchfield. Richard resides at Fowler, Neb. Charles lives at Sauquoit, Oneida county. Charles Barnes was appointed deacon of the Norwich Corners Congregational Church in 1838. His first wife, Maria Ludlow, died October 31, 1857, and on July 13, 1859, he married Mrs. Maria Strong, of Lenox, Madison county, N. Y. Deacon Charles Barnes died June 28, 1883. His second wife, Maria Strong, died January 28, 1888. Two of the sons are married. Charles married Flora Johnson, of Sauquoit, January 18, 1863, they have four children. George married Ellen Chappell, of Schuyler's Lake, September 20, 1871. They have one daughter, Ida.

Brown, Philip H., Winfield, is president of the Board of Education of the West Winfield school and academy, also trustee of the Congregational Church, and president of the West Winfield Cemetery Association. He was supervisor for the years 1884, 1885 and 1886. He was born in this town January 15, 1848, married Nettie L. Green, and they have three children: Daisy P., Goldie M. and Harry P. They lost one son, Fred J., who died April 17, 1879. Philip H. is a son of James Brown, who was born in this town, a son of Philip Brown, who was a native of Rhode Island, and settled here at an early day. Mrs. Nettie L. Brown was a daughter of James F. Green, a native here, and a son of William, who came to this town soon after his marriage and settled. His original homestead is owned by his grandchildren: William J. Green and Mrs. Nettie L. Brown.

Beckwith, E. D., Little Falls, was born in the town of Columbia and educated in the district schools and prepared to enter college in the Winfield and Little Falls academies. At the age of twenty-six he was elected to the Legislature, and afterwards was school commissioner for Herkimer county. He followed farming until the age of thirty, then through endorsing paper became interested in the tannery business, which he has since conducted. He employs about fifty hands. He is a popular speaker in presidential campaigns. Mr. Beckwith's ancestors are of Revolutionary fame and have been for several generations successively members of the Legislature, besides holding other public offices of note. His grandfather, Alijah Beckwith, was in the war of 1812, served three terms in the Legislature and was from six to eight years in the Senate. His father was also in the Legislature and was presidential elector at the time of Lincoln's nomination. Mr. Beckwith is at present one of the Cleveland delegates to Chicago. He married Miss E. Robinson of this State, by whom he has had three children, one of whom, J. D. Beckwith, is a graduate of Cornell University and a now prominent lawyer of this village. The other two are daughters.

Bliss, Alvin, Winfield, was born in Cortland county, February 24, 1828, and came to Winfield at eight years of age, where he has since lived; excepting two years spent in Australia. He came to his present farm in 1862. He is a son of Charles Bliss, who married Martha daughter of Captain Lawton. Alvin Bliss married Sarah A., daughter of Edward and Pamela (Curtis) Wilcox, January 9, 1862. They have one son, Henry E., born November 12, 1862, who married September 6, 1883, Josephine, daughter of Welcome and Deborah (Peck) Manchester, who was born May 3, 1863.



Brown, Arthur T., Litchfield, is a farmer and owns and works about 150 acres. He was born in the house in which he now lives, July 15, 1857. He married Lillie M. Day of Frankfort and they have one child, Earl W. Arthur T. Brown, is a member of Sauquoit Lodge, No. 150, F. & A. M.; of the North Litchfield Grange, and the First Baptist church of Litchfield. For two years was superintendent of the Utica Dairy Farm. His father was Emerson, and he was a son of Thomas Brown, a native of Connecticut, who settled his farm about 1791, the deed being in the possession of Arthur T. Brown.

Brown, H. Clark, Winfield, operates a grist-mill and is a dealer in feed, flour and grain. He was born in this town April 20, 1828, a son of Hiram who was a native of this town, and a son of Eleazer, one of the first settlers here. The latter was a native of Plainfield, Conn., and a son of Peleg Brown of Connecticut. H. Clark Brown married Alice A., daughter of William Stewart of this town, and they have three children: Alice L., Charles H. and Sherman W. Alice L. was educated at West Winfield Academy and Houghton Seminary at Clinton. She married J. A. Rafter, M. D., of Holton, Kan., and they have one daughter, Lodema A. Charles H. Brown was educated at the Winfield Academy, and then at the Hungerford Collegiate Institute at Adams, N. Y. He read law with Mills & Palmer of Little Falls, and is now practicing law at Belmont. He is serving his second term as district attorney of Allegany county. He married Alice Smith of Adams, and they have two sons, Charles H. Jr., and Harold S. Sherman W. Brown was educated at Winfield Academy and at Hamilton College. He graduated at the latter place and spent three years at Andover Theological Seminary, and is in his third year in the University of Berlin, Germany.

Bardin, Park M., Winfield, was born in Plainfield, June 13, 1848, and settled in Winfield on the farm where he now lives in 1856. It consists of 150 acres. It is a dairy and grain farm and is part of that formerly owned by Col. Newton A. Wilcox, who was the largest dairy farmer of his time, keeping one hundred cows. He was born on this farm where his father, John Wilcox, settled. Mr. Bardin married, October 13, 1869, Fannie S. Brigham, of Westmoreland, Oneida county. They have three children: Edith L., Earl C. and Ward N. Park M. Bardin is a son of Seth Bardin, who was born in Plainfield but settled on this farm in 1856, and he was a son of Seth Bardin also.

Baker, Herbert E., Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler, and was born August 15, 1852. He married Agnes Wilmot in 1878, and they have three sons and a daughter. Mr. Baker was educated in Whites town and Fulton Seminary. His father was Albert and his grandfather was Hiram Baker.

Barrett, Murtis A., Dolgeville, was born in Oppenheim September 4, 1868. He was educated in the Oppenheim school and the Fairfield Academy, and worked with his father, Patrick Barrett, on the farm in Oppenheim until 1889, then for two years he worked at the brick business in the east. In November, 1891, he established his present liquor business in Dolgeville, which he has since successfully conducted.



Baker, Hiram V., Schuyler, was born on the farm he now owns, October 26, 1822. His father, Hiram Baker, was born February 21, 1800, and died in 1887. His grandfather, George Baker, came from Ireland in the last century and his grandmother from Rhode Island. In 1847 Mr. Baker married M. E. Bridenbecker, daughter of Jacob Bridenbecker, a descendant of an old Mohawk Dutch family. Mr. Baker is one of the prominent men of Schuyler and has been highway commissioner and assessor of the town. His father was school commissioner and clerk of the district for many years.

Burch, Frederick, Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler, born February 9, 1830. He owns a farm of 138 acres and raises grass and dry stock. He has been town clerk three terms and excise commissioner. In 1860 Mr. Burch married Mary Sterling, and they have four children, one son and three daughters. Lovell, father of Frederick, was a native of Massachusetts.

Brown, William, Russia, was born in Whitesboro, Oneida county, in October, 1839. He was reared by Elias Stanton, for many years a resident of Gravesville, N. Y. In 1859 he married Martha Wilkins, a native of England, born in 1842, and a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Howell) Wilkins, natives of England. They had four daughters and two sons. In 1847 Mr. Wilkins and family came to America, settling in Utica, N. Y. Mr. Wilkins was a blacksmith by trade and died in 1888. His wife died in 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had four children, Cora, Ida, Frederick and Fannie, all of whom are living. Cora married Stephen Agne, of Utica, and Ida married William Robinson, of Russia. When young, Mr. Brown worked on a farm and attended the public schools. For eleven years he worked on the New York Central Railroad, and afterwards for six years he worked in the oil wells of Franklin, Pa. He now works on a farm in Russia. He and his wife are members of the Russia Grange and of the Baptist church of Russia. Mr. Brown is a Democrat.

Bennett, Howard M., Dolgeville, was born in this town, in the village of Deck, in 1840. His father, Michael Lockwood Bennett, had a family of eight children, seven of whom are living. Howard M. Bennett went West early in life and was engaged in farming for some time. In 1864 he returned to Salisbury Center, and afterward followed his trade in Ilion for ten years. About fifteen years ago he entered the employ of A. Dolge, and is now foreman of the planing-mill and box shop. Mr. Bennett is a skillful workman and is identified with various local societies.

Burns, M., German Flats, was born in Fairfield September 20, 1868. After living on his father's farm at Shiell's Bush for some time he came to Mohawk and spent seven years in the livery business there. He then came to Ilion and bought out the leading livery stable in 1892, which he now conducts. He is an active Democrat.

Baker, J. C., German Flats, was born in Sheffield, England, December 9, 1836. He came to America in 1845 and learned his trade in Waterville, Conn., afterwards moving to Winsted, Conn. He came to Ilion in 1861, and has been in the armory ever since, having been contractor for several years, and latterly being with the typewriter works. In 1856 he married Augusta Truman, and their children are: John T. Baker, jr., Mrs. I. A. Chatteway, and Annette, who is at home.

Bronson, O. W., German Flats, was born in Warren, Herkimer county, April 12, 1818, and was at first a carriage-maker and then a farmer. He is now interested in the Mohawk Knitting Mills, and was president of the street railways for ten years. He now lives retired. In 1851 he married Miss E. G. Harter, and they have two children, Arthur W. and Mrs. Rev. J. B. Brundell. Mr. Bronson has been justice of the peace and justice of the sessions many years.

Briggs, Nathan, German Flats, popularly known as Nate Briggs, was born in Galway, Saratoga county, July 8, 1832. He has been prominently identified with leading hotels for many years, and is the present proprietor of the Briggs House, Ilion. He is and has been United States marshal for many years. He has been deputy sheriff and postmaster at Sprakers, N. Y., and filled other responsible positions. Mr. Briggs married Urella Krouse, and by her had a son, Fernando C., and a daughter, now Mrs. J. H. Gammond. Mr. Briggs married second in 1886 Agnes C. Bevens.

Boyce, John, Ohio, was born in Ohio March 10, 1858. His father was David Boyce, and he was a son of Henry Boyce, whose father was Elias. Henry was born in Columbia county, where he lived and died. He was drafted in the war of 1812. His wife was Catharine Rowe, by whom he had two children. David Boyce was born in Columbia county in 1818, was reared on a farm and has always followed farming. His wife was Betsey Garrison, of Columbia county, and they had four sons and five daughters. Three of the sons were in the late war, Henry, David E. and George. Henry enlisted in the Eighty-first New York Volunteers, Company C, in 1861, serving a short time. David E. enlisted in the same company in 1862 and served until the close of the war. He was in Salisbury prison about one year, which caused his death in 1865. George enlisted in 1863 and served until the close of the war. He was wounded in one leg while doing picket duty. John Boyce was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1889 he married Hattie Wells, of Ohio, daughter of Charles and Rebecca Wells, of Wilmurt, and they have two children. Mr. Boyce has always been a farmer, and in politics is a Democrat.

Bellinger, Steward, Little Falls, was born in Little Falls. He received his education in the schools and academy here, and has devoted his entire time and attention since that time to his dairy farm, which contains 193 acres. He has about forty head of cattle, besides other stock. Mr. Bellinger is an active and enthusiastic member of the Grange. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is identified with local, social and benevolent institutions. He married Elizabeth Sponable, and they have one child, a son, living.

Barse, Charles I., Little Falls, is a native of Little Falls, and although a young, unmarried man, represents substantial agricultural interests. His father, Charles Barse, was also a native and life-long resident of Little Falls. His mother is still living. Mr. Barse has 175 acres of land and a herd of forty milch cows. He is a member of the Grange and enterprising farmer. The family consists of four brothers and one sister, and is one of the oldest and best known in the county, the grandfather having settled here in the early part of the present century.

Bellinger, P. S., is a native of Little Falls and has passed his entire life here, being now seventy-three years of age. He owns 234 acres of land, all used for dairy purposes and hay. He comes of an old and well known family of historic fame, his grandfather on his mother's side having served in the Revolution, and his father in the war of 1812. Mr. Bellinger is well known throughout this part of the State, and is a Mason, a member of the Grange and of the Royal Arcanum. He has been commissioner of highways for three years and was assessor for three years. He cast his first vote against the first Harrison, and has been a Democrat ever since, and has never missed but one town meeting.

Broat, Henry, Manheim, was born January 9, 1821, on the old farm located on the Salisbury Plank Road in the township of Manheim, which he still owns. His farm contains 200 acres of fine dairy land, upon which he keeps about forty-five cows, twelve head of horses, besides other stock. His first wife was Miss Mary Doxtater, and some time after her death he married his present wife, Miss Margaret Keller, a daughter of Samuel Keller. He has four children living, all of whom are married. Henry Broat's father served in the war of 1812 at Sackett's Harbor, and his brother, Squire Broat, has settled on the Salisbury road not far from the old homestead.

Brockett, Calvin, Dolgeville, was born at Dolgeville, formerly called Brockett's Bridge, July 15, 1854. His family have been prominent here since the War of the Revolution. Calvin was educated in the common schools, and followed farming until he sold his farm to Alfred Dolge. He married Ione Kible and they have three daughters. Mr. Brockett is a member of the board of education, and is identified with various social and benevolent institutions, the Masonic brotherhood, etc. He is now engaged in the hard and soft wood traffic, and is erecting a saw-mill for the convenience of his trade.

Burney, J. G., Little Falls. Before the War of the Rebellion broke out there dwelt in St. Lawrence county, this State, a family typical in every way of the best social and national elements. Here were the father and mother, and four sons and two daughters. The truest family ties and sentiments united them, but when the war broke out the spirit of patriotism led the father and eldest son to the front. The son, then only eighteen years of age, is the subject of this sketch. His father, Thomas Burney, took sick at New Orleans and returned home to die in the forty-fourth year of his age, leaving the mother with the care and support of five young children. The men and women into which these children have grown are the highest meed of praise that can be given her, but she is a type of the most suffering mothers of the war times, whose names should be forever perpetuated. J. G. Burney enlisted in December, 1863, and was mustered in January, 1864, in Company M, Eighteenth New York Cavalry. His regiment operated in Louisiana and Texas, and was kept in the vicinity of New Orleans for a considerable time. They were paid off and honorably discharged at Galveston, Texas, in 1866. He was mustered out as sergeant. After the war Mr. Burney worked at his trade of wagon-making for some years and then traveled for about ten years; two for the Warrior Mower company, then for a Utica firm for a time and finally settled in Little Falls in 1885, and on January 1, 1891, became a partner in the firm of Burney

Brothers. Mr. Burney is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Grand Army. He helped to organize Thomas Post, at Prospect, and was its commander for several years. He is a man much esteemed in both social and commercial circles for his many qualities of head and heart.

Brandon, Rev. Peter, Warren, came from Greene county, N. Y., to a place near Schuyler's Lake, and thence to Cramer's Corners, Herkimer county. Most of his time was spent in Otsego county. He married Rebecca Worden, by whom he had five children: Sally, Betsey, Deborah, Catharine and John W. Peter Brandon and his wife died in Otsego county. John W. was born near Schuyler's Lake, Otsego county, August 11, 1810. He was a carriage-maker and undertaker, and served as justice thirty-two years. He died in Otsego county, August 21, 1884. He married Catharine Connine, born in Springfield, a daughter of Richard and Rebecca Connine, natives of New England. John W. had ten children, several of whom survived: Rebecca, Pinckney, Adaline, Marshall, Ida Young, John W., Alfred, Leroy J. and Amelia Druse. The mother still survives. John W. was born in Springfield, December 31, 1841. He received a common school education, and at fourteen began to earn his own living. In 1868 he located in Warren on thirty-seven acres, farming and running a shop. In 1871 he located in Jordanville and bought a building which he now runs as a hotel. He also carried on a wagon, furniture and undertaking business up to 1885, when he converted the building into a hotel, which he ran for two years, then sold out. He traveled two years for a patent wood-filler, which he manufactures, and which is one of the finest made. He is a Mason and is a Democrat in politics. He married January 6, 1866, Mariah Van Horne, born in Stark, a daughter of Walter and Eliza (Stoughter) Van Horne, and their children are as follows: Lena A., Emma, wife of Ellis D. Elwood, and Ralph Rodney. Walter Van Horne was born in Van Hornesville, July 10, 1806. He lived forty years on his first farm, then moved to Columbia, remaining eight years. Since March, 1892, he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Brandon. His wife died in 1873. They had seven children, four sons and three daughters. Mr. Van Horne was a son of Richard, who, with his brother Daniel, built the first mill where the stone furniture building now stands at Van Hornesville. The present mill was built by Cornelius Van Horne and Acre Fox. The wife of Richard was Cornelia Ten Eycke, by whom he had nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity. Richard was a son of Abram Van Horne, who came from New Jersey before the Revolution and settled in Montgomery county, and later was the first settler in Van Hornesville. He married a Miss Hough, by whom he had eight children.

Bronner, Walter I., Stark, was born where he now resides, September 29, 1864, a son of Isaac D. and Mary C. (Harwick) Bronner. The grandfather, Daniel, was born in Stark and settled on the farm where Walter I. now resides, in 1832, and there he resided until his death, June 4, 1858, aged sixty-three years. He served in the war of 1812, and his father, Christian, served in the Revolutionary War, and his father, Christian Bronner, was a native of Germany. Daniel's wife was Catharine Wager, who died December 28, 1865, aged fifty-nine years. They had eight children: Oliver, Barnard, Isaac D., Daniel, Anna M., Dorothy E. J., Lucy J. and Clarissa. Isaac D.

Bronner was born where Walter I. now resides, in 1832, and lives with his son, Walter I. He had seven children: Catha L., Elmer E., Walter I., Carrie M., M. Enola, Harwick D., F. Fayette, all of which are still living. Mrs. Mary C. Bronner, their mother, died January 19, 1819. Five of the children have been school teachers. Mr. Bronner is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Walter I. received his education at the common schools and at Richfield Springs, also at Herkimer, and at eighteen he began teaching and has taught during the winter ever since. At sixteen he began life for himself. He has followed cheese-making for two years at Van Hornesville. Mr. Bronner is a Granger and a Good Templar, and is active in the temperance cause. In October, 1889, he bought the old homestead, which consists of 107 acres of land. He is a breeder of Jersey cattle. The original stock was the first Jerseys ever owned in the county, brought here by his father in 1867 from New Jersey. Mr. Bronner is also the only breeder of Dorset horned sheep in this county.

Bellinger, Joseph H., Herkimer, was born near the village of Herkimer and has been a farmer all his life. He owns 260 acres of land and has forty milch cows. His father was Henry Bellinger. In 1849 Mr. Bellinger married Caroline Christie, and they have three children, two sons and one daughter, all married. The sons are Charles P. and Joseph I. Mr. Bellinger is at present one of the trustees of the town, and has been collector. He is a Mason, a member of the Grange, and in politics is a Republican.

Bronner, Alonzo, Warren, was born in Warren, January 11, 1832, and is a son of Peter and Catherine (House) Bronner. His grandfather, Frederick, was born in Stark and after his marriage came to Warren. He served in the war of 1812, and died in Stark, aged ninety-one; his wife died at the house of Alonzo. They had ten children, six of whom reached maturity. Alonzo Bronner has always lived in Warren, except two years in Stark. At twenty-one he began for himself, working by the month, and now owns the farm of 120 acres, where he lives. He is a Democrat and has been assessor. He married January 22, 1861, Hannah M., daughter of Isaac and Leah (Bronner) Maxfield. They had one son, Emery J., who died August 17, 1888, leaving a widow.

Beattie, William, Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 20, 1858. His father, William Beattie, was a native of Dumfriesshire, Scotland, who came to this country early in the nineteenth century, and settled in Little Falls, where he conducted a brewery for nearly thirty years. William, jr., was connected with his father in the business, and after his death succeeded to the property, which had been, in 1883, transformed to a hotel, the brewery being discontinued at that date. Mr. Beattie is now an extensive real estate owner, besides being the possessor of considerable other property. He owns the Beattie House, as well as many desirable residences; also a roller rink, which is situated upon very valuable land on Main street. He married Jibbie M. Keller.

Brown, Jacob H., Little Falls, was born in Oppenheim, Fulton county, May 9, 1846. His earlier years were spent on a farm. He kept a meat market in Dolgeville for eight years; then for two years he was located at Ingham's Mills, engaged in the sewing

machine business. Then for a time he was in the employ of the Warren Machine Company, of Little Falls. Mr. Brown then entered the employ of the Central Railroad company, with whom he remained fourteen years, filling many important positions, such as conductor, train dispatcher, detective, etc. Mr. Brown is at present engaged in the grocery business in Little Falls. He also owns two dairy farms near Dolgeville. He is a member of several local social and benevolent institutions. Mr. Brown has a family of six children, three sons and three daughters.

Benedict, Charles, Little Falls, was born in 1827 in German Flats, and for a period of fifty years has been actively engaged in the manufacture of carriages. He began the business in 1844, and located in Little Falls in 1850. His business life has been a pronounced success. He owns the large brick block on the corner of Mary and Main streets, where his factory is located, as well as a handsome residence on Mary street, and other valuable property. Mr. Benedict takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and has served on the school board twelve years successively, and nine years on the village board. Mr. Benedict began the manufacture of carriages twenty-five years before the introduction of machine-made vehicles, and has shipped his carriages all over the Union and into Europe.

Bailey, Squire, superintendent of the Little Falls Knitting Mills, is a native of Batley, England, and a son of the president of these mills. He came to America with his father when a child, thirty-five years ago. He was born June 8, 1854. He learned the knitting trade in Utica, and came here when the Little Falls mills were being built, working on them from the foundation up, and then in them ever since. In 1886 he was appointed superintendent. Mr. Bailey is highly popular with all classes, and has held the office of alderman. He is a prominent member of the Elks, and of the Masonic Fraternity.

Bonsfield, John C., Russia, was born in Russia November 7, 1867, and was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. In 1891 he married Minnie Roberts, a native of Russia and daughter of David and Sarah (Grove) Roberts. Mr. Bonsfield was a farmer until 1887, when he engaged as clerk with French & Ross of Northwood, and was with them three years. He then purchased the store and has since been proprietor and carries a general line of groceries, dry goods, drugs, etc. He is a Democrat and has been justice of the peace one year. John C. was a son of Christopher, who was a son of John, a son of William Bonsfield, a native of Westmoreland. His wife was Miss Shaw. John Bonsfield was a native of England and came to the United States in 1832. His wife was Sarah Grove, a native of Worcester, England, and they had three sons and two daughters. He first settled in Madison county and married Clara Ashley, a native of Chatham, and daughter of Russell D. and Sarah (Gale) Ashley. Sarah, youngest daughter of John Bonsfield, now resides on the farm settled by her father. She married John D. Jones, a native of Wales. Mr. Jones was thirteen years old when he came with his parents to America. He died in 1888. By his first wife Mr. Jones had nine children.

Christman, Nicholas, Herkimer, is probably the oldest resident of Herkimer county. He was born September 4, 1806. He was first a carpenter and joiner and afterwards a farmer, which he has been for fifty-six years. He owns sixty acres of land and

thirteen milch cows, and does dairy farming. He has been commissioner of highways. In 1829 he married Hannah Woliver, and they have eight children living, five of whom are married and three are yet home. Mr. Christman's greatest pride is that his family has always been most agreeable and congenial. His grandfather, John Christman, took an active part in the Revolutionary War, and was in the burning of the old mill in Little Falls, by the Indians and Tories.

Coonradt, A. B., Russia, was born in Brunswick, Rensselaer county, N. Y., a son of P. A. Coonradt, a son of George, a son of Jeremiah, who was a native of Brunswick. His father with two brothers came from Germany during the Revolutionary War. They paid their passage by serving in the war. Jeremiah settled in Troy and married Miss Smith, and had twelve children. Mr. Coonradt was born in Brunswick in 1800. His wife was Miss Coonradt and they had five sons and four daughters. Mr. Coonradt died in Brunswick in 1867, and his wife in 1847. P. A. Coonradt was born in Brunswick February 19, 1822. He followed teaching many years and then engaged in the mercantile business until 1865, when he came to Cold Brook and was agent for the Union store one year. He then moved to Prospect and resided there until 1870, when he went to Rockford, Ill., where he is at present engaged in the manufacture of shoes. Mr. Coonradt married Sarah, daughter of John Coonradt, who was in the War of 1812. To P. A. Coonradt and wife were born three sons and one daughter. Mr. Coonradt was supervisor and also town clerk. Subject assisted his father in the mercantile business when young and at the age of ten came with his parents to Russia. In 1886 he married Hattie E. Moon, a native of Russia, and a daughter of Harriet and Cameron Moon of Rensselaer and Herkimer counties, respectively. Mr. Moon died January 25, 1891, and his wife still resides in Cold Brook. To subject and wife have been born two sons: Frank and Leon, both residing at home. In 1870 Mr. Coonradt entered the mercantile business with his son Frank and his father-in-law, Mr. Moon. In 1874 Mr. Moon retired and Mr. Coonradt and son continued until 1883, since which time subject has been sole proprietor. He is a Republican and has been town clerk, and is a member of the Newport Lodge 455 F. & A. M.

Cooper, Henry C., Norway, was born in Cold Brook February 6, 1828. His father was Charles Cooper, a son of Solomon Cooper, a native of Connecticut. The wife of Solomon Cooper was Mary Meacham, by whom he had three sons and two daughters. Mr. Cooper died in Russia in 1861, at the age of eighty-four. In 1810 he came with his parents to Russia, where he lived and died. In 1826 he married Margaret Thompson of Johnstown, born June 17, 1805, who bore him one son and four daughters. Mr. Cooper was a Mason, and a farmer by occupation. He died July 5, 1889. His wife now resides in Cold Brook and is eighty-eight years old. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools and in Fairfield Academy. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school and followed that three years. May 4, 1854, he married Jane M. Pritchard, who bore him five children: Wendle P., Adelbert R., who died at the age of fourteen years, Lizzie, who died in infancy, Ella M., and Charles W. Mr. Cooper is a farmer by occupation. Early in life he was a Garrisonian Abolitionist, and when the Republican party was organized united with that



party and remained with them until 1868. In 1872 he voted for Horace Greeley, and in 1867 for Peter Cooper. In 1880 he was presidential elector for Weaver. In 1884 and 1888 he voted with the Democratic party. Mr. Cooper has been justice of the peace, highway commissioner and assessor. He resided in Russia until 1859 when he went to Norway, where he has since lived.

Crim, Adam J., Warren, was born where he now lives, March 5, 1821, and is a son of Jacob and Eve (Staring) Crim. His grandfather was Jacob, also, who married Elizabeth Frank. Jacob, Jr., was born where Adam now lives Oct. 14, 1787, and died June 14, 1874. He was a leading and influential man in his day. His wife died Dec. 16, 1878, leaving eight out of her nine children. Adam J. has always lived on the farm where he was born. With three others he started a cheese factory in 1871. He is a Republican, and has served as justice of the peace, and one term as associate justice. He is a Mason. He married May 5, 1874, Martha, daughter of Abram and Lana (Thumb) Veeder, and they have two children: Alma F., and Ora B. F. His wife and daughters are members of the Reformed Church.

Cook, D. L., Herkimer, is a native of Winfield, and was on the farm the first twenty years of his life. He then spent three years with the United States Express Co. on the railroad, then returned to farming, in which he has retained an interest up to the present time. In Oct., 1891, Mr. Cook opened a meat business in Herkimer, which now occupies his attention mainly. In Nov., 1886, Mr. Cook was elected sheriff for a term of three years, and he had previously been supervisor of Winfield for two years, and postmaster for three years. He is a Republican in politics and of English descent. Nov. 1, 1878, Mr. Cook married Miss Martha Morgan, and they have one son living.

Gage, James E., Little Falls, one of Little Falls' most enterprising and prosperous business men, is a native of this village. He, after receiving a sound education in the schools and academy here, entered active business operations in 1861 as a clerk, and after having been associated with several prominent firms in different positions of responsibility, in 1878 inaugurated his present flour and feed establishment, which has since its inception taken a leading position among the sound mercantile concerns of Herkimer County. Mr. Gage is identified both socially and financially with Little Falls' best interests; he is a high-up Mason, a member of the Royal Arcanum and other organizations.

Conway, John, Little Falls, was born in Syracuse, June 24, 1864. He received a good education in the schools of that city, after which he learned the trade of carriage trimmer. He came to this village, and engaged with Mr. Burdick, carriage-maker, with whom he remained four years. He then accepted a position as bar-tender at the Beattie House, which he filled until he resigned to establish his elegant saloon on Mail Street, Little Falls, in August, 1892. Mr. Conway is very popular in this town, being a fine ball player, and is identified with the Red Men, Erina Chemical Engine Co., Celtic Lyceum, etc. He married Miss Kate McGurty.

Cavanaugh, Frank, Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, June 17, 1866. He received a good education in the Little Falls school and academy, and eventually succeeded his



father in the hotel, which had been conducted at the corner of Ward and Loomis streets by the elder Cavanaugh for many years. Frank Cavanagh is a staunch Democrat in politics and identified with the local social and benevolent institutions of the town, such as the Elks, Red Men, Erina Chemical Engine Co. No. 5, etc. He is a progressive and much esteemed citizen.

Champion, Delano A., Little Falls, attorney at law, is a native of Herkimer County. He was educated in the Little Falls Academy, Whitestown Academy, and Cazenovia Seminary, and studied law with Judge Hardin, justice of the supreme court. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession at Little Falls. Mr. Champion is of New England ancestry, and of revolutionary antecedents. He married Clara C. Witter, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Colcord, J. T., Herkimer, is a native of South Berwick, Maine. He began his business career as a clerk, and after spending some time in the west, came to Herkimer in 1887, and opened his present business of dry goods, fancy goods, etc. His ancestors resided in Maine for several generations. Mr. Colcord married a daughter of Louis Webster, but she died in 1889. He has one daughter. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is an independent in politics.

Comstock, Byron, Norway, was born in Ohio, Dec. 24, 1848. His father was Samuel Comstock, a son of Stephen, a native of Mass., and an early settler of Norway. Samuel Comstock was born in Norway in 1799. He married Sybil Cummings, by whom he had nine sons and three daughters, all of whom are living except the youngest. Mr. Comstock was a Democrat and held minor offices in Ohio, where he resided most of his life and where he died in 1891. Byron Comstock was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He married Helen M. Nichols, of Fairfield, a daughter of Caleb and Abigail (Harris) Nichols. Mr. Nichols survives his wife, and at present resides in Troy. The subject has one child, Mary F. He is a farmer. His early life was spent in Ohio, but for the last eighteen years he has resided in Norway. He has been assessor eight years and commissioner of highways one year. He is a Democrat.

Cramer, Addison, Dolgeville, was born in Fulton county, N. Y., July 23, 1855. His early years were spent on a farm. When eighteen years of age he commenced to drive the stage between Darew and Little Falls, which business he continued in for nine years. Then he took the hotel at Salisbury Corners for two years, then the Loomer house at Dolgeville for four years, and in the spring of 1892 assumed charge of the Cottage hotel, Dolgeville. Mr. Cramer, when in Salisbury, filled the position of collector for three years. He married Miss Maggie Kelly. They have no children.

Casler, George, Little Falls, was born in the town of Little Falls, June 19, 1828, and has resided here all his life. In 1859 he married Julia Campbell, and they have one daughter, who married Harvey Rankin in 1886. Mr. Casler is one of the prominent farmers of Little Falls. He owns 230 acres of land used for dairy purposes and hay. He has been eight times elected assessor of the town, and so will have held the office continually for twenty-four years when he completes his present term. He is an out-and-out Democrat and belongs to the Masonic order, in which he is a Knight Templar.

Carnwright, J. L., Dolgeville, was born in Ulster county, N. Y., October 14, 1843. He was reared on a farm, and in 1861 enlisted in the Sixty-fifth N. Y. Infantry, serving throughout the war. He participated in the following battles: Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Turkey Bend, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburgh, Marye's Heights, Gettysburgh, Rappahannock, Mine River, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Po River, Cold Harbor, Fort Stevens, Cedar Creek, Fort Fisher, Sailor's Creek, besides fourteen other engagements. He was severely wounded at Cedar Creek. At the close of the war he engaged in the millwright's business, since which time he has spent ten years in the service of Alfred Dolge. In February, 1892, he established his present drug and grocery business, in which he has a fine trade. Mr. Carnwright married Eliza Hodge, and they have one son. Mr. Carnwright has been a member of the board of education, which position he resigned.

Case, Herman, Fairfield, is a native of Little Falls. He was born August 16, 1834. He came to Fairfield many years ago and bought his farm, consisting of ninety-six acres. His father was Morgan E. Case and his grandfather Case was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Case owns the old Houghton farm. He is a Mason and has been a master of the Grange, of which he is a charter member. He has never married.

Cox, William S., German Flats, was born in New Jersey, May 15, 1843, and studied law for some time, but subsequently went into the armory in Newark. He came to Ilion in 1862 and enlisted in the Third New York Light Artillery in 1863. In 1865 he returned here, and after spending eighteen months with the Winchester Arms company and thirteen years with the Remingtons he went to the typewriter, when that company started. Mr. Cox is an active Democrat, and has been chairman of the election board. He is a charter member of the G. A. R. Post, and has been a delegate to congressional conventions. In 1868 he married Mary Clapsaddle and they have three children, Ada, a teacher, Anna, a music teacher, and Marietta, a singer.

Chismore, Edward, German Flats, was born December 28, 1849. His father, Jacob Chismore, was a gunsmith, and he learned the same trade, and has passed all his business life here in the Armory. He is an Odd Fellow and a Red Man. In 1874 he married Miss Mary Sullivan, of Mohawk, a daughter of Matthew Sullivan. Mr. Chismore is manager of the Ilion Driving Park, and one of the finest horsemen in the State.

Crossett, James, proprietor of the Nelson house, Herkimer, is a native of Herkimer, a farmer's son, and lived on a farm until twenty-two years old. He then embarked in the meat business for five years, since which time he has been in the hotel business. He conducted the Waverly house, Herkimer, a leading hotel in Middleville, and the Nelson house has now been owned by him for eight years. He is a Mason and a strong Republican. His people have lived in this State for generations, and his father, still living, is a leading farmer of the town. Mr. James Crossett married Helen Hawkins, and has three daughters, the oldest of whom is the wife of Mr. B. Waters, of Little Falls.

Coe, S. E., German Flats, was born in Granville, Mass., July 9, 1827. He taught school eight years and then went into the jewelry business. He has been twenty-one

years in the brick and insurance in Mohawk. He is a Mason and a strong Democrat. In 1858 Mr. Coe married Miss Catherine Myers and they have a son Frederick and a daughter Clara, who is a teacher. Mr. Coe manufactures about 2,000,000 bricks annually in his yards at Ilion, N. Y.

Casey, Dr. I. E., Mohawk, is a native of Schoharie county, N. Y., and was born on November 23, 1837. After receiving an excellent education he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. J. G. Snell and eventually graduated from the Albany Medical college in 1852, after which he commenced the practice of his profession in Mohawk, where he still continues in active practice, having been here over forty years. Dr. Casey has served as supervisor, etc. He married Miss Mary Bellinger, a daughter of Fred Bellinger, and has two sons, Fred. B. Casey and J. Irving Casey, who are studying law and medicine, respectively. Dr. Casey has been a member of the Albany Medical society for over fifty-three years and of the State Medical society since 1864. He was identified with the late war.

The Cramer family settled in Danube early in the seventeenth century, and the land has descended from father to son for four generations. John Cramer was the original settler in this neighborhood, and was the great-grandfather of Zenas. He was succeeded by his son, Abraham A., who in turn was succeeded by his son, Abraham, father of the subject of our sketch, who, together with his brother, owns two farms, one containing 201 acres, called the Homestead farm, and the other containing 147 acres. They keep about sixty head of stock and do a thriving business, employing a tenant on the smaller farm. Zenas has served as inspector of elections, etc., and is a thorough and practical farmer.

Caldwell, J. Minott, Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler, and was born November 20, 1852. His father was James Mead Caldwell, and his mother was Louisa Minott. In 1880 Mr. Caldwell married Harriet Cramer, and they have one son, Adair Caldwell. James Minott, maternal grandfather of Mr. Caldwell, was one of the first settlers in this section of the county. Mr. Caldwell owns a fine farm at Minott's Corners in Schuyler, but he resides in Herkimer.

Clemens, Michael, Schuyler, is one of the old and honored residents of Schuyler. He was born February 14, 1815, and has been a farmer all his life. His father was Michael Clemens, and his grandfather Jacob Clemens. The latter participated in the Revolutionary war and came from Germany over a century ago. Mr. Clemens married Rachael Oyer, a most estimable lady, who died July 18, 1889. They had one daughter, now the wife of George Storms.

Cooper, Charles F., is one of the prominent farmers of Litchfield, owning a dairy and grain farm of 100 acres of land. He was born at Norwich Corners, January 20, 1834, a son of William Cooper, who was constable and collector of the town of Litchfield for many years, who was a son of James Cooper. Charles F. Cooper married Mary A. Smithson, a daughter of Milton Smithson, of Sauquoit, Oneida county. They have three children, Charles Henry, Clarence Edmond and Earl.

Collins, Rev. Dennis B., Winfield, was born in Ireland, November 7, 1861. A part of his education was received at the Jesuit school, in Limerick. He worked in a newspaper office in Cork, and while yet in his boyhood he came to America, where ambition has a greater field and labor a greater reward. He came to Boston, where he worked and studied until 1882, when he took a year's rest in St. Laurence College, Montreal. In 1883 he entered St. Charles College, Baltimore, Md., to complete his knowledge of Latin, and in 1884 was admitted to the Theological Seminary at Troy, where he was ordained priest in December, 1888. He was assistant priest at St. Patrick's Church, West Troy, until January 1, 1892, since which time he has been priest of the St. Joseph's Church at West Winfield.

Collins, William H., Winfield, proprietor of the Cottage Hotel, was born in Brookfield, Madison county, July 15, 1860. He married Minnie E., daughter of Byron Fisk, of Syracuse, December 5, 1880, and they have one son, Lewis W. William H. is a son of Stephen H. Collins, of Brookfield, who was a son of Hoxie Collins.

Crist, Hezekiah H., Winfield, was born in Fairfield, June 15, 1817. Came to Winfield in 1850, and settled on the farm, where he now lives, in 1852. He was assessor of this town three years. He was a son of Stephen Crist, who was born in 1777, and came from Orange county to Fairfield at the age of eighteen with his father, Abraham Crist, among the first settlers. He hired one hundred acres, which he cleared the first year, and erected the first farm house and barn built in Fairfield, and a portion of that barn is still standing in good repair. Hezekiah H. Crist married Elisabeth Ellison, January 1, 1846, and they have had five children: Martha M., Alice E., Mary E., George B., and Arthur H. Hezekiah Crist has lived forty years on his present farm. Elisabeth C. Crist was born in Essex, Mass., July 8, 1824, a daughter of Stephen Ellison.

Congdon, William E., Litchfield, was born in this town October 8, 1838. He has been assessor and inspector of election, and is a farmer, owning a dairy, grain, and fruit farm, and makes both butter and cheese. He married Sarah, daughter of Isaac Stedman, and they have two children: Merritt J., of Utica, and Jessie M. Rider, of Michigan. William E. Congdon is a son of Thomas J. Congdon, who was born in this town, and he was a son of James Congdon, who came from Rhode Island, and was one of the first settlers of the town.

Comes, Addison C., Litchfield, is a farmer, and has been assessor of this town. He sent a substitute to the war of the Rebellion. He was born in this town January 17, 1827, and settled on the farm where he now lives in March, 1876. He married Miranda Joslyn, and they have two children: Ruth, who married James Donahue, and Irving, who married Julia F. Loomis, and has two children: Cecil May and Ruth B. Addison C. is a son of Ebenezer, a native of Connecticut, who early settled here. Martha Comes was a daughter of Nathaniel Ball, a native of New Hampshire, who settled in this town in 1788.

Conklin, Silas H., Warren, was born near Little Lakes, March 10, 1863, a son of Hicks and Hannah (Weeks) Conklin. The grandfather, Harry W., was a son of Silas, who was a son of Jacob, who came from Wales, and settled at East Hampton, L. I.

After the Revolution he came to Stark, Herkimer county. His wife was a Miss Skelinger. He died in Monroe county. Silas was born on Long Island, September 15, 1772. After the war he came to Springfield, Otsego county, where he died. His wife was Emmiliza Hicks, born in 1776, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. He died aged eighty-three, and his wife died in 1857, aged eighty-two. Henry Conklin married Phoebe Cook, and their children were: Richard, Silas, Hicks, Catharine and Elija. Hicks Conklin was born in Warren. He began life as a farmer. Later he kept a meat market at Little Lakes. He was two years in a hotel at Springfield Centre, and died in 1882, his widow survives him, and was born in Warren, a daughter of James and Martha (McChesney) Weeks. Our subject was the only child. He received a district school education, also attended a seminary. At nineteen he began life as a clerk at Springfield Center. February 15, 1885, he opened a general store at Little Lakes, which he has operated successfully since. Has been twice elected clerk of Warren as a Democrat. He has been deputy postmaster since 1885. October, 1882, he married Edith, daughter of David and Anna (Dunn) Baird, and they have two children: Anna E. and Silas H.

Coakley, John, jr., Warren, was born in County Cork, Ireland, December 5, 1834, a son of John and Jane (McCarthy) Coakley. The grandparents died in Ireland, and raised seven children: John, Jeremiah, Dennis, Daniel, Mary, Joanna and Harry, all of whom came to the United States and settled in New York, except Dennis. John, father, was born in Ireland, whence he came to United States and settled three miles west of Little Falls. He died in German Flats, aged ninety years. His wife died about four months later. They had nine children, all died childless except John and David. Our subject received a common school education, and at twelve began to earn his own living. About 1867 he bought 130 acres in German Flats. In 1873 he sold and located on 144 acres, where he resides. In the fall of 1864 he enlisted in Company B, Tenth New York Heavy Artillery, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865, returning to Herkimer county, where he resumed farming. Has always lived in the county except two years in Vermont. He has been a Republican all his life. He married December 4, 1861, Hannah A., daughter of Alanson and Mary A. (Thomas) Mason. They have two children: Florence M., wife of Chauncy Brown, and Jennie.

Deimel, A., one of the leading coal dealers of Little Falls, is the subject of this sketch. He was formerly engaged in manufacturing operations and for the last ten years has been connected with the coal business. He has spacious yards here which have a capacity for storing two thousand tons of coal, and his enterprise and fair dealing have attracted a large patronage to his establishment. Mr Deimel is well known and very popular socially, and is a member of the order of Red Men, the Elks, Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat.

O'Dwyer, Thomas, Little Falls, was born in Oneida county and reared on a farm. He came to Little Falls and became connected with the variety business for nearly six years. Disposing of this he assumed proprietorship of the Farmer's Hotel, which he is refitting and refurnishing. This hotel will accomodate twenty guests. Mr. O'Dwyer married Miss Mary Mccharty, and they have one child. He was game constable for the town of Marcy for several years and is a member of the Red Men.

Dolge, Charles, Dolgeville, was born in Dessau, Germany. He received a good education in the schools of his native country and then went to England, where he engaged in the hotel business, then in Scotland. In 1885 he came to America, and after traveling extensively throughout all the States in the Union, decided to settle in Dolgeville, where he now conducts a leading hotel, which is patronized by societies and clubs, as well as by the general public. Mr. Dolge is a most popular caterer, and thoroughly understands the requirements of his patrons. He bought the hotel in February, 1892.

Dolge, Carl O., Dolgeville, was born in Leipsic, Germany, August 29, 1859. He secured a good education in the schools of that town, and after serving three years in the German army came here in 1879, and entered the employ of Alfred Dolge, to whom he is related. By faithful and thorough service he was rapidly promoted, eventually reaching the position of chief clerk. After remaining with Mr. Dolge for ten years he started a grocery store in Dolgeville, which has proved a success, and to which he now devotes his entire attention.

Dygart, Daniel, German Flats, was born in Little Falls, in 1847 and has been in Ilion for twenty-two years, fourteen of which have been spent in the grocery business which he still is successfully conducting. Before embarking in trade for himself Mr. Dygart was occupied in clerking for some time. He has been six years in one stand and has a large and high class trade. Mr. Dygart is a Mason of high standing, a member of the Iroquois Chapter and the Little Falls Commandery. He also belongs to the Knights of Honor and was a member of the Ilion School for six years, being its president one year. In 1872 he married Miss Grace W. Butts and has a family of one son and two daughters. Mr. Dygart's father was Harvey Dygart, also a native of Little Falls, and his grandfather, Daniel Dygart, came from Canajoharie. He is recognized as one of the leading business men of Ilion, being highly respected everywhere.

Davy, William F., Danube, was born at Davy's Corners, Danube, February 12, 1857. His ancestors located here early in the sixteenth century and participated in the Revolutionary war. William H. Davy received a good education and has been engaged in farming all of his life. He owns 143 acres of fine dairy farm land, located between Davy's Corners and Newville. He married Libbie A. Klock; they have two children, both sons. He has served as commissioner of highways, etc., upon the Republican ticket, is a member of the Grange and is a thoroughly representative farmer of this county.

Dady, William J., Frankfort, was born in Canajoharie where he lived until nineteen years of age, when he came to Frankfort and engaged in the hotel business. His house was burned in 1892 and the present hotel, "The Grand Union" built in its place. It is a large fine building, containing eighteen sleeping rooms, and is fitted up in good style. It adjoins the offices of the West Shore railroad. Mr. Dady married, April 15, 1891, Maria T. Spellman of Newport, N. Y., one of six children of James and Theresa (Riley) Spellman.

De Long, Richard, Little Falls, was born in Little Falls. He received his education in the district and village schools of Herkimer county, and took one term at the Syra-

cuse University. Since leaving school he has been actively engaged in managing his extensive dairy farm of 284 acres. He keeps forty head of cattle and eleven horses and is one of Herkimer's most energetic and enterprising farmers. Mr. De Long is a member of the Grange, the Masons, and of other social organizations of the town. Several of his ancestors were soldiers in the Revolution, and at Sackett's Harbor in the war of 1812. Four generations of the family have resided on the farm. Mr. De Long's family consists of a wife and one daughter.

Davis, Albert, Fairfield, is a native of Fairfield and a prosperous farmer, owning 270 acres of fine dairy farm and eighty acres of timber land. He has a herd of seventy-two milch cows and cuts about 125 tons of hay annually. Mr. Davis is a representative of the old and well-known Davis family of Fairfield. His father died leaving a comfortable estate which Albert and his brother Charles inherited and own.

Daniels, Ira W., German Flats, was born in Syracuse, January 1, 1844, and is a silversmith by trade. He came to Ilion from the Springfield armory in 1836, and entered the Armory here. He remained until the failure of the Remingtons, and has since been with Typewriter Company. Mr. Daniels married Susie Winnie in 1889. He is a Mason, a member of the Iroquois Chapter, and Little Falls Commandery. His father was William Daniels, a native of Boston.

Deimel, H. A., Herkimer, is a native of Bohemia, Austria, and came to this country in 1854; after keeping a store at Herkimer until 1860 he became identified with the lumber traffic with which he has since been engaged. He has also been identified with other leading corporations here. He furnishes employment to about two hundred hands. He has held the office of trustee of the village several terms, supervisor three terms, overseer of the poor, and delegate to the State convention twice. He has four children. Mr. Deimel is identified with leading social and benevolent institutions, as well as political, with which he exerts marked influence.

De Long, L. M., German Flats, was born January 9, 1823, in Dutchess county. His father was Enoch De Long, and his grandfather Reuben De Long. The family came from France originally. In 1856 Mr. De Long came to his present farm in German Flats. In 1850 he married Lucy M. Paddock, and they have three children. Mr. De Long has been assessor for six years, and has filled other responsible positions.

Davy, John W., Danube, was born October 17, 1832; he received a good common school education and has always followed the occupation of farming. His great-grandfather, Thomas Davy, who settled here early in the seventeenth century was killed by the Indians while liberating some cattle belonging to a neighbor, which were stolen and fenced in a wood by these Indians. His grandfather, John Davy, and his father, William Davy, both lived honored lives and died in this county. He owns about 330 acres of fine dairy land. He has been elected to the office of justice of the peace and other offices, but would not qualify, preferring the "even tenor of his way" and having his hands full managing his own farms. He is much esteemed and respected by all.

Donahue, Michael, one of the farmers of Litchfield, was born April 21, 1825, and settled in this town in 1853. He married Ann Paules, and they have had six children,



of whom five are living. The oldest is Rev. John F. Donahue, who was educated first at Manhattan College, New York, then Grand Seminary at Montreal, Canada, and his education was completed at St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore. He was ordained priest March 30, 1883. He was sent one year to the Cathedral at Albany, N. Y.; then to the parish of Rock City Falls of Saratoga county, where he remained about two years; then he was sent to Salem, Washington county, in 1887, where he still remains. The next son is Thomas P., who resides in Chicago. The third son, Edward, and fourth, Joseph P., are both residents of Chicago. The youngest is William, who is at home. The mother of this family, Ann Donahue, died July 23, 1880, aged fifty-two years. The only daughter, Julia A. Donahue, died December 8, 1878, aged twenty-three years.

Dixon & Lewis, Litchfield, lime manufacturers. The stone is taken out of the quarry near the kiln, and there are about 100 acres in the farm in connection with the kiln. They make about 20,000 bushels per year. Charles R. Dixon was born July 15, 1857, in Paris, Oneida county. He is a son of Henry and Clarissa Dixon, natives of Paris, Oneida county. Charles R. Dixon married first Cora Barnes, who died. He married second Sarah P. Burdick, and they have three children, Harry A., Helen B. and Ruth. Fred Lewis was born in New Hartford, Oneida county, November 23, 1867. He married Edna Foss. He was a son of Thomas and Christiana Lewis.

Davis, George H., Winfield, was born in Winfield January 9, 1835, a son of Jeremiah Davis, who came from Rhode Island when he was a young man and worked as a blacksmith. He married Amy, daughter of Hawkins Bennett, who was among the first settlers of this town. George H. Davis married Harriet M., daughter of Stephen Howland, both natives of Rhode Island. Mrs. Davis died September 26, 1888, and he married second Ruth, widow of Ira Dayger. She is a daughter of Stephen Howland and a sister of Judge Howland, of Auburn.

Dodge, Ira, Litchfield, was born in Frankfort February 17, 1817. He has a dairy and grain farm of 122 acres. He was collector two years, constable seven years, and was also assessor and justice of the peace. He married Hannah Kellogg, of Litchfield, and they have two children, Charles M., of Auburn Theological School, who preached in Sennett last year, and returns there in June; and Frank L., assessor of the town of Litchfield. Ira Dodge is one of the sons of John Dodge, a sergeant in the Revolutionary War. He planted the United States flag on the wall of a fort and did not receive a wound, and from that incident it was said that he was bullet proof.

Day, Almond, Winfield, was born in Winfield March 6, 1819, son of Eli and Aurilla (Toms) Day. His father, Eli, was born in Winfield December 2, 1791, and died November 30, 1876. Aurilla Day was born April 8, 1788. Noah Day, father of Eli, came here by marked trees and settled near West Winfield, and was one of the first settlers of Winfield. He died October 3, 1845. He married January 27, 1791, Willia Graves, who was born May 27, 1773, and died August 26, 1854. Eli Day left three children, Pamela, Alvin G. and Almond. The latter is the only one living, and married first Clarissa Hosford, who died September 12, 1854, aged twenty-five years. She left one daughter, Ella F., who married Deas M. White January 19, 1875, and they have one



son, Arthur D. White. Almond Day married second Sarah A., daughter of Chester and Nancy Parke, and they have one daughter, Cora E., who married Horace H. Parkhurst. They have one son, H. Day Parkhurst. John Burgess, one of the sixth generation from the Pilgrims, was among the first settlers of Winfield. He married Crania Morey, and they have eleven children, one of whom, Nancy, married Chester Parke and they had five children. Of these children Sarah A. married Almond Day, who is now a retired farmer of Winfield.

Dennison, Allen W., Warren, was born in Warren December 2, 1841, a son of Abisha and Elizabeth (Weaver) Denison. Subject's father died in Jordanville in 1846. His wife died in March, 1870, in German Flats. They had two children, Allen W. and a daughter, who died, aged three. Allen W. was raised on a farm and has made his own way through life. He had a district and select school education, and at seventeen began the trade of painter, which he followed until about 1875. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company E., Fourteenth New York Infantry, and was in the quartermaster's service. He was discharged from the hospital at Georgetown in April, 1862. Returning home he resumed his trade and worked in German Flats for five years, when he came to Warren and remained five years. In March, 1877 he bought sixty acres, where he now resides. He makes a specialty of hops, has served as collector, and for six years was assessor, also deputy sheriff six years. He is a Republican and a member of F. & A. M. at Richfield Chapter. He married December 13, 1867, Sarah Loftus, born in Little Falls, daughter of Daniel and Jane (Ferguson) Loftus, both born in New York. He was a manufacturer of plaster, and had one son, Jolin, and six daughters. Subject and wife are of the Universalist faith.

Dess, Louis, Ilion, was born in Alsace May 1, 1846. He came to America in 1849. He began the gun trade with his father, and was subsequently in the army. He was with the Hammond Typewriter for some time, and has been three years with the Typewriter company, for which he has been superintendent this long time. He is the inventor of an aligner of great utility, performing what was long contended could be done only by hand. Several other devices and improvements on typewriters are to be credited to him.

Elwood, Jacob, a native of Holland, was one of the pioneers of Warren when he died. He had six children: Jacob, Benjamin, Joseph, John, Catharine and Elizabeth. Joseph was born in Warren January 27, 1803, where he learned the trade of wagon-maker. He married Betsey Cook and settled in Springfield, Otsego county. He died January 10, 1890. He had four children: Theodore, Delevan, Caroline and Emeline. His wife died January 10, 1892, aged eighty-two. She was born in Springfield, a daughter of Peabody and Mary (Pickard) Cook. Delevan Elwood was born August 29, 1835, in Springfield. At sixteen he began for himself, working by the month on a farm. He worked in a machine shop in Van Hornesville for about ten years, then engaged in teaming. For the past fourteen years he has been farming. For two years he ran the Hotel American at Van Hornesville about 1854. He has served as deputy sheriff six years, town clerk two terms and has been supervisor. He is a Republican and a Mason. He married September 24, 1854, Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Bachus) Snider, of Stark.

Ellis, Alanson, Russia, was born in Rome, Oneida county, July 22, 1828, and is a son of Daniel and Sallie (Coy) Ellis. The grandfather of Alanson was Asa, a son of Daniel Ellis, who served in the Revolutionary War. Asa was a native of Connecticut, and came to Madison county, N. Y., where he lived and died in 1838. His wife was Lavina Ellis, who died in 1838, by whom he had two sons and two daughters. Mr. Ellis was in the war of 1812. Alanson Ellis was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In 1850 Sarah Cow, a native of Ireland, became his wife, and they had one son and five daughters, of whom two are living, Francis and Mary. Mrs. Ellis died in 1866, and in 1867 Mr. Ellis married Ruth Wheaton, of Rome, N. Y., by whom he had two children, Jennie and Emma. Mrs. Ellis died in 1879, and in 1882 he married Louisa Hazelton, of Middleville. For thirty-two seasons, beginning with 1847, Mr. Ellis was a boatman on the Erie Canal. In 1877 he went to Ohio, Herkimer county, where he and a brother bought a saw-mill, in which they were engaged six years. Mr. Ellis then went to Iowa, where he followed butchering and farming. From 1880 to 1881 he resided in Newport and then became a farmer of Poland. In 1886 he commenced butchering in Poland, which he has since followed. He is a Democrat.

Ely, Lester, Warren, was born in Theresa, Feb. 15, 1834, a son of Alva and Harriet (Davidson) Ely. His grandfather was Samuel Ely, who was a son of Simeon, whose father came from England and settled in Mass. Simeon Ely was born in Mass. and came to Warren; his wife was Ruth, who bore him five children. Samuel Ely was also born in Mass., and died in Warren in 1851, aged seventy-seven; his wife was Fannie Cooley, who bore him five children; she died in 1861, aged eighty-nine. Alva Ely was born in Warren, Dec. 2, 1802, and married Harriet Davidson. He died in 1885, and his wife five years earlier. They had eleven children. Lester Ely was raised in Jefferson and came to Warren when nineteen. In 1862 he bought 126 acres of land where he now resides, and now owns 187 acres. He is a Democrat, and has been assessor. He married Jan. 1, 1861, Mary, daughter of John and Susan Ousterhout, and has had five children, Alice, wife of Rufus Backus; Mary, wife of Rev. D. D. O'Dell, a Baptist minister; George, of Omaha, William, of Omaha, Opal.

Edick, John C., Herkimer, was born in Columbia, upon the old homestead of 180 acres, which is yet in his possession and upon which his son, William Edick, resides. Mr. Edick married Miss Margaret Hewnerand, has a family of five daughters and two sons, all living. He is of Mohawk Dutch descent, his ancestors being identified with the war of the Revolution and that of 1812. This family is well and favorably known in Columbia, with whose best interests they have been associated for generations. Mr. Edick retired from active agricultural pursuits some months since, and is now proprietor of the Edick House.

Edick, Henry, jr., Herkimer, was born in Columbia. His family are of German descent, but located here over one hundred years ago, where they have since continued to live, taking an active part in local business and political circles. In 1889 Mr. Edick assumed charge of the Tower House in Herkimer, changing the name to the Edick House, which he and his father continued to run until they purchased the Waverly House in this village, and disposed of their interests in the Edick House. Mr. Henry Edick, jr.,

has held the office of constable, to which office he was appointed when twenty-one years of age, deputy sheriff for three years, and collector of the town (Columbia) for one year. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and associated with local social organizations. His wife was Miss Libbie Barber, of Columbia, and they have two daughters. His new hotel, the Waverly, has accommodation for from fifty to sixty guests.

Eckel, Fred. W., Herkimer, was born in Syracuse. After receiving a good common school education, he learned the machinist trade, at which he afterwards worked for thirteen years, traveling during this time extensively. Among the many States that he visited we may mention Texas, Kansas, Colorado, California, Washington, Oregon, Louisiana, etc. He followed mining for some time in California. Mr. Eckel took charge of the Mansion House, Herkimer, about two years ago. This hotel can accommodate about fifty guests, although as many as 160 have been provided for on especial occasions. Mr. Eckel's uncle, Philip Eckel, was chief of the Fire Department of Syracuse for twenty-five years, and was killed on duty. The family has served in the war of the Rebellion, and has been identified with the best interests of the locality.

Eaton, Irving, farmer, of Little Falls, was born on the farm where he now lives November 15, 1833, and his father before him was also born on this farm. He is one of the recognized leading farmers of the county, liberal-minded and intelligent, and in addition to farming 200 acres of land—his own property—also gives considerable attention to bees, of which he has about forty hives. In 1870 he married Amy Keyser, and they have two children, Belle L. and Grace L., the former nineteen, and the latter fourteen years of age. The family are members of the Universalist Church. Mr. Eaton is a Republican in politics, and liberal in his views.

Eggleston, Oscar E., Winfield, was born in Winfield January 12, 1837, and married October 16, 1861, Hannah E., daughter of William and Lucinda (Smith) McLaughton. Her father was a son of David, who was the only child of William McLaughton, one of the first settlers of this town, and a thoroughly representative man, religious, public-spirited and upright. His life as a man and citizen is worthy of imitation. He had three children: William Milton, David L., and Hannah E., all living at the present time. Oscar Eggleston and wife have one child, William Seymour. Subject owns the old McLaughton farm. He has a combination of twelve cheese factories, which he runs; also is breeder of fine horses.

Ellsworth, Sylvester, Stark, was born near Penn Yan, where his father was a pioneer, and came to Stark, where he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Hawick, of Ohio, about 1820, and settled at Richmond, Ohio, where he ran a hotel and grocery business. Owing to failing health he came back to Stark, leaving his family, and he went out to Saratoga, where he died in 1826, leaving a widow and five children: Edith, Mulberry, Judiah, Sylvester H. and Nelson. Edith and Sylvester H. survive. His wife died here in 1864, aged sixty-seven. Sylvester Ellsworth was born in the State of Ohio, November 17, 1822, and came to Stark, with his mother, at the age of fourteen. He began working on the north on a farm at twenty-two

with his brother. He bought sixty acres of land in town and began farming, adding to this 160 acres adjoining. He still owns 100 acres here. In 1864 he bought and located on 200 acres one mile east of Starkville, where he now resides, owning one-third of a farm of 100 acres. He served as supervisor five terms on the Democratic ticket, is a leading Mason, and a member of Utica Commandery, Mystic Shrine. Mr. Ellsworth married February 1, 1848, Betsey M., daughter of Warner and Margaret (Guyts) Nellis. They have five children: Ellen, wife of Anthony Roof; Clark, Charles, Frank and Martha, wife of Charles Ward. Charles and Frank are in San Francisco.

Eckler, Jeremiah, Warren, was born in Little Lakes, April 2, 1824, a son of Henry and Lydia (Conklin) Eckler. The grandfather was Peter, who came from Germany prior to the Revolution and settled on Otsquago Creek in Warren and served in the war as captain. He had many an interesting experience with the Indians, once having a wrestle with one of their chiefs. He also served in the war of 1812. He was twice married and had a large family. One son, Henry, was born in Warren and served in the war of 1812. He died, aged sixty-five, before the Rebellion. His wife died in 1889. She was born in August, 1803, and they had ten children, nine of whom survived: William, of Iowa; Hannah, deceased; Jerry, Henry, of Stark; Jacob, of Otsego county; Lydia, Nancy, deceased; Thomas, Mary, deceased; Mahlon. Jeremiah was reared on a farm and received a district school education. At the age of twelve he began for himself on a farm and at the same time assisted his family. In 1851 he located where he now resides, and rented 250 acres. In 1861 he bought the place, to which he has added many improvements and fine buildings, and he now owns 280 acres. In 1872 he built a cheese factory, which burned in 1882, which he rebuilt, and now makes about 2,500 pounds per week. He is a Democrat in politics. His wife was Delia Osterhout, born in Warren, a daughter of Jacob and Polly M. (Devoe) Osterhout, who were early pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Eckler have had six children, five of whom survive: Isaiah, of Mohawk; Delilah, wife of Horatio Mayer; Irvin, of Little Lakes; William, of Springfield; Esther, who died young, and Harvey.

Fleming, G. C., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls and received his education in the schools and academy here. He established himself in the present business in 1871, prior to which time he had been engaged in clerking here. He is of Irish-American descent, and identified with local Democratic politics. He served as assessor for six years. His business consists of the retail of fine groceries, fruit, confectionery and oysters. He married Miss McCormick, of Little Falls, and has three children. His establishment is located at No. 307 Second street, in which he furnishes employment to several clerks and keeps two delivery wagons constantly on the roads.

Forest, John W., Russia, was born in Russia, September 19, 1853, a son of Mark, whose parents were John, born December 23, 1774, and Martha, born November 9, 1773, natives of Ireland, who were among the first settlers of Poland. Their children were: Mary, Betsey, William, John and Mark, James, Martha, Betsey and Sallie. Mr. Forest died April 14, 1855, and his wife August 29, 1854. Mark Forest was born in Russia, July 29, 1818, and married Angelina Hunter, a native of Hamilton county, born May 20, 1821, and daughter of David Hunter, a native of Massachusetts. The children

of Mark Forest and wife were: Ethel, George, deceased; John, Alvira, deceased; Frank, Ida, deceased. He died November 7, 1869, and his wife now resides with John W. Forest. The latter married February 22, 1888, Hattie Simpson, born March 5, 1866, a daughter of William Simpson, a son of Abel Simpson, a son of Abram Simpson, of Revolutionary fame. Mr. Simpson was born October 17, 1830. In 1851 he married Mary Hine, of Norway, and had four children. He married second, Susan C. Plumb, by whom he had one daughter, Hattie, the wife of subject. Mr. Forest has manufactured cheese about two years, but his principal occupation is that of a general farmer. He is a Democrat in politics.

Flansburg, Jerry, Ohio, was born in Ohio, December 12, 1844. He is a son of Bartholomew and Angeline (Stephens) Flansburg, and was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. July 29, 1862, he enlisted in the 152d N. Y. Volunteers, Company B, and was discharged at Munson Hill, Va., in 1865. He served at the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Mine Run and North Anna River. At the latter place he was wounded in the right arm and taken to the hospital at Washington (Mt. Pleasant). After his recovery, by request he returned to his regiment, and at the close of the war returned to Ohio. In 1867 he married Mary J. Potter, of Ohio, daughter of Chauncey and Margaret Potter. January 12, 1876, Mr. Flansburg lost his wife, and he married second, Iola Hess, of Ohio, daughter of Adam and Helen J. Hess. By his first wife he had one son, Egbert; his second wife bore him two children, Helen M. and H. Lee. Mr. Flansburg is a Republican, has been supervisor one year, assessor nine years, justice of the peace one term, town clerk, collector and auditor. He is a member of the G. A. R., Helmer Post, at Herkimer, and he and his wife attend the M. E. church.

Flansburg, Philip J., Ohio, a native of Ohio, was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. He is a farmer by occupation and has always resided in Ohio. He is a son of Francis A. Flansburg, whose parents were Bartholomew and Angeline (Stephens) Flansburg. Francis A. was born in Ohio, December 17, 1830. From 1852 to 1855 he worked for Hinkley & Ballou. April 28, 1855, he married Casandana Conklin, of Duaneburg. Her parents were Samuel and Mary B. (Curtis) Conklin, who were the parents of fourteen children. They came early to Schoharie county, in 1843 went to Ohio, and in 1862 moved to Attica, Wyoming county, where Mr. Conklin died November 19, 1882, and Mrs. Conklin, July 15, 1879. Francis A. Flansburg and wife had four sons and two daughters: Mary C., Charles G., Bertha F., Philip J., Albert E. and George F., all of whom are living. Mary G. is now Mrs. Charles Wagner. Charles D. is a farmer at Erie, Pa. Bertha F. is the wife of John A. Doonan, and resides in South Dakota. Philip J. resides in Wilmurt, and Albert E. is guide at Honalogue Lake. George F. lives at home. Mr. Flansburg has always been a farmer, except for three years spent at lumbering, and has held the offices of justice of the peace, poormaster, highway commissioner, clerk, constable and inspector of elections.

Fenner, John B., Manheim, was born in Fairfield, and received his education in the schools of Norway. His family is of New England descent, having settled in this State about 1800. After passing several years in the employ of different representative firms of Little Falls and Dolgeville, established his present ready-made

clothing and men's furnishing store about two years ago. In February, 1892, he was elected town clerk, which position he still most acceptably fills. He married a Miss Jackson, and they have one son.

Ford, Daniel, German Flats, was born in Mohawk, December 28, 1831. He followed boating until thirty years of age on the Erie canal, and then began the contracting business on State and railroad work, which he has followed ever since. Mr. Ford is a prominent Mason, a member of the Memphis Shrine, the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. In 1852 he married Miss Ann E. Van Alstine, and they have two daughters, both married, Mrs. Dr. Rasbach and Mrs. Isaac Small, of Topeka, Kansas.

Ford, C. T., mason and contractor of Middleville, was born in Fairfield May 28, 1829. He began his trade at the age of fifteen with his father, and has followed it continuously and successfully all his life. He has erected a good many important buildings besides doing all kinds of contract work throughout this part of the county, in fact about all of it and has a high reputation as a business man and a reliable contractor. In 1863 Mr. Ford married Miss Margaret Davis. Mr. Ford is a Republican in politics and his father served at Sackett's Harbor in the War of 1812.

Ferguson, Thomas D., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls February 2, 1866. He received his education in the common schools and Little Falls Academy, after which he clerked for about six years. In 1888 he bought out the grocery and meat market of M. Craske & Company, which he has since most successfully conducted. He employs about four clerks and delivers about Little Falls and vicinity. Mr. Ferguson was nominated for corporation treasurer upon the Republican ticket, and ran far ahead of his ticket, but this being a strong Democratic town he was not elected. He married Laura B. Staley, of Michigan. They have no children.

Foley, Daniel, German Flats, chief of police of Ilion, was born in Ireland but has been in America since 1849. He settled in Little Falls. In 1862 he enlisted in Company H, 121st N. Y. Regiment and was in some of the most important battles. He was wounded at Spottsylvania and was honorably discharged March 28, 1865. He took up blacksmithing after the war and has followed it ever since. He came to Ilion in 1875 and was appointed chief in 1892. Chief Foley married Miss Catherine Mulqueen and they have five children. He is a Republican in politics.

Falls, Theodore, Little Falls, was born in Fultonville, Montgomery county, August 22, 1855. He received an excellent education in the schools of Johnstown, after which he learned the trade of cigar-making. Mr. Falls then traveled extensively throughout this country, working at his trade. In 1876 he decided to settle in Little Falls, N. Y., starting a business for himself, which proved a success, and which he still conducts. He manufactures cigars for wholesale and retail trade and also deals in tobacco and smokers' goods. He employs a corps of skilled assistants. Mr. Falls is a member of the I. O. R. M., Elks, etc., and has served as treasurer of the poor fund, collector, etc. He is a staunch Democrat. He married Mary Pierce, by whom he has five children.

Foster, Aaron Stiles, Dolgesville, a nephew of Matt Foster, of sharpshooting fame, was born in Salisbury Apr. 1, 1822. He received a common school education in the

schools of this vicinity and assisted his father until his seventeenth year. After this he worked at the carpentry trade until 1847, when he became engaged in the lumber traffic until 1879. He then moved to Dolgeville to build the wool factory of Alfred Dolge. Mr. Foster married Hannah, daughter of Peter Getman, and they have two sons and two daughters living, having lost a son and a daughter. A. S. Foster was himself in his youth a noted dead shot, being able to bring down game with his rifle when on the wing. He has served in Fulton county as highway commissioner and justice of the peace. His ancestors participated in the War of the Revolution and the War of 1812. On his mother's side he is a descendant of the Talcotts.

Fenner, A. G., Fairfield, was born in Fairfield December 24, 1823, and has been a farmer all his life. His grandfather, Daniel Fenner, settled here from Massachusetts, and his father, George Fenner, was also a native of the place. The farm consists of 100 acres (old survey) and a dairy of twenty-six cows. Mr. Fenner married M. A. Wetherwax in 1848, and they have five children living. Mr. Fenner is an independent in politics, and a member of the grange.

Fenner, Calvin, Fairfield, was born on the farm where he now lives August 4, 1804, and has been a farmer all his life. His father came from Massachusetts in 1792. In 1829 Mr. Fenner married Rhoda Ann Harvey, and they had five children, three of whom survive. Mrs. Fenner died in 1882. Mr. Fenner is the oldest living resident of Fairfield, and has voted at every presidential election since 1825. His brother, Joseph Fenner, was a soldier at Sackett's Harbor, and in the War of 1812. Our subject is the owner of a farm of 200 acres and a herd of forty-five cows.

Fields, John, supervisor of Fairfield, is a native of Westmoreland, Oneida county, and has been a farmer all his life. He has resided on his present place for nine years. In 1873 he married Adeline Todd. His father and mother both came from England. Mr. Fields is an active and influential Democrat, and was elected supervisor of Fairfield in the spring of 1892. He was assessor when living in Newport, and is a member of the grange and Royal Arcanum.

Fowler, D. R., Dolgeville, was born in East Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y. He received a good education in the schools and academy of this vicinity, and afterwards clerked for a few years. In 1887 he came to Dolgeville and established his present general mercantile concern. Mr. Fowler's family is of New England descent (Connecticut), and his father and mother are both living at the old home in East Springfield. D. R. Fowler married Miss Ella Vandusen. They have one child, a girl. He is a successful and enterprising business man, and a reliable and progressive citizen.

French, Morris F., Warren, was born in Warren, September 22, 1850, a son of Luther L. and Isabel (Culver) French. He was educated in the district, select and higher schools, also attended the Winfield academy. He taught school six terms. At twenty-one years of age he began for himself, working with his father six years. He then purchased thirty-five acres of his grandfather's homestead in Warren, and in March, 1881, bought and located on 170 acres, where he now resides. He now owns 205 acres, and in politics is a Republican. September 18, 1878, he married Mary E.



Ingalls, born in Hartwick, Otsego county, a daughter of Allen and Hulda (Windsor) Ingalls, now residing in Middlefield. Subject had three children: Harry D., Leonard I. and Robert L. Luther L. French was born in Plymouth, Litchfield county, Conn., August 23, 1810, a son of Ebenezer W. and Lucy (Darrow) French, both of Connecticut. In 1814 E. W. French moved to Galway, Saratoga county, then to Oneida county, and in 1820 located on the farm where our subject now resides, where he died July 1, 1865. He was a Whig and a Republican, and a deacon in the Presbyterian church. He was three times married. His first wife was Sarah Bassett, by whom he had four children: Prosper, George Roxanna and Sarah. His wife was born May 30, 1774, and died October 26, 1804. His second wife was Lucy Darrow, born March 12, 1781, who died June 16, 1842, leaving seven children: Lucy, Mary, Luther L., Amond J., Elizabeth J., David W. and Julia A. His third wife was Mariah Bairsley. She died November 18, 1882, and was born February 8, 1794, in New York. Luther L. French received a district school education, and being the oldest son had to help his father. At the age of twenty he hired out for \$12.50 per month, which was considered extra wages. In the spring of 1840 he bought fifty acres, where he resided until 1890, when he let the farm to his son, Eseck W., and moved on his father's old homestead. February 27, 1839, he married Isabell Culver, born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, July 15, 1817, a daughter of Harmon and Elizabeth (Campbell) Culver of English and Scotch origin. Subject and wife have had eight children, three of whom died in childhood, Orton G., Lucelia J. and Edward O. The other five are as follows: Samuel D., Mary E., Morris F., Louisa C., wife of Fenmore R. Stratton, and Eseck W. Luther L. and wife have been life members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. French is a strong Republican. Samuel D. French enlisted in Company F, 121st regiment, in 1861, serving through the war. Six months after enlistment he was transferred to signal corps, in which he was a lieutenant. He resides in Iowa.

Green, William J., Winfield, a farmer and feed merchant, was born on the farm where he now lives, April 2, 1847, a son of Jared J., who was born in Winfield, September 17, 1804, and died May 20, 1878. He was a son of William Green, who came from Connecticut, and settled in Winfield at an early day. The mother of William J. Green was Lucy P. (Randall) Green, who was born April 17, 1809, and died October 27, 1891. William J. married Florence L. Jones, January 2, 1878. She was a daughter of Daniel Jones, of Brookfield, Madison county. They have one son, Fred J. The farm first settled by William Green is in the northeastern part of the town and is now owned by two of his grandchildren, William J. Green and Nettie L. Brown.

Goodier, Henry W., Litchfield, owns a grain and dairy farm of 120 acres, and has been one of the assessors of this town for five years past. He is a member of Sauquoit Lodge, No. 150, F. & A. M.; Oneida Chapter, No. 57, R. A. M.; and Fort Schuyler Council, No. 404 Royal Arcanum, also a member of the Litchfield Grange, No. 664. He was born in the same house in which he now lives, July 18, 1854, and married September 18, 1881, Xena V. Prior. They have two sons, L. Raymond, born September 7, 1887, and Harold Prior, born November 15, 1892. Henry W. was a son of Henry Goodier, who was born on the farm north of this, which was settled by his



father, Aaron Goodier, the first settler on that farm and one of the first of the town. Xena V. Goodier was born in Paris, Oneida county, September 25, 1864. She is a daughter of Philo Prior, who died at Cedar Lake, December 31, 1892, aged fifty-three years.

Gird, Emma L., Litchfield, a native of this town, born on the farm where she now lives, is a daughter of John Gird, who was a native of Trenton. He came here about 1812, with his mother, from New York city. He was a son of Henry Gird, who was publisher of a newspaper in New York city, who came from Wesford, Ireland, and was a colonel in the English army. He settled in Warrington, and bought a place of George Washington, which is still in the family and occupied by his granddaughter, Mrs. Frankland. The mother of John Gird, was Mary, daughter of Richard Smith, who settled at Cedar Lake farm, now owned by the Sewell Morgan estate. The mother of Emma L. Gird was Laura, daughter of Sylvanius King, a native of Monson, Massachusetts. He was a descendant of William King, who came over in the *Mayflower*. William King, one of that family, was the first Governor of the State of Maine. There are now living seven children of John and Laura Gird: Henry S., Mary H., Richard, Mrs. H. P. Martin, L. John, William K., and Emma L. Gird, the last of whom occupies and conducts the farm for the estate.

Garline, Charles, Warren, was born in Verona, Oneida county, December 5, 1850, a son of Nicholas and Mary A. Garline, natives of Germany. The former came to the United States about 1843, and located in Oneida county, where he resided until his death, in the spring of 1883, aged seventy-three years. He is of Catholic faith, and a Republican in politics. He was twice married and had three children: Seaman, Charles and Mary. The latter died at nine years of age. His wife died in 1854. She was born in Germany and her father was a Mr. Miller, who came to the United States about 1835. Nicholas Garline married for his second wife Margaret Shoemaker, who came from Germany. Charles Garline received a common school education and has made his own way in life since fifteen years of age. At twenty he began for himself on the canal, which he followed for two years. In 1873 he came to Warren, and in 1874 began as cheese maker, which he continued four years. In the spring of 1879 he bought the Cullen cheese factory, which he has operated since, making on an average 100,000 pounds a year. He is now assessor, and has also served as collector and constable. He is an active Democrat, and a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Grange. He married in 1876, Alice C. Ball, who was born in Litchfield, daughter of Horatio and Roxie (Manning) Ball, natives of Herkimer county. Subject has three children: William S., Leon F. and Charles H.

Green, Nelson L., Warren, was born in Danube, January 14, 1853, a son of Herkimer and Emily T. (Wolcott) Green. The grandfather, Dr. Felix Green was a son of Ambrose, and was born in Rhode Island, a pioneer of Danube, where he lived nearly all his life. He married Elma Lester, and had seven children: John, William, Felix, Anna, Polly, Elizabeth and Ruth. He held various town offices. Felix lived on the Hudson river near Albany, and early came to Danube. He was an active Whig and Republican and served in nearly all the town offices. He was a Free Mason, and died

July 19, 1857, aged eighty-one. His wife died in 1859. She was Lana Herkimer, and was born in Danube, a daughter of George Herkimer, who was a brother of General Nicholas Herkimer, whose wife was a daughter of General Schuyler. Of thirteen children Felix reared ten: Alida, Jane, Mary, Helen, James, George, Charles, Herkimer, Augustus, John. Herkimer Green was born in Danube, November 20, 1811. In 1870 he moved to Cayuga county, and in 1882 removed to his present home in western Warren, on a farm of 248 acre. He has reared two children: John H., who was born in Danube in August, 1846, married Nellie Wartman. Subject's mother was born in Shoreham, Vermont, daughter of Seamon and Huldah (Kellogg) Wolcott. Nelson K. Green was reared on a farm and received a common school education supplemented by a course in the Academy at Little Falls. He has followed farming, is an active Republican, and married Mary O., daughter of John N. and Rebecca (Soule) Smith. They had three children: George H., Elma R., and Emily E. John H. Green received his education at Little Falls academy, and then at Hamilton college, graduating in the class of '74. He has taught school, and was admitted to the bar of Cayuga county. He has served in town offices as a Republican, and is now a farmer in Warren. He has the old lock of the door of General Herkimer's house, also a chair of his, and other pieces of furniture which belonged to the general. George Green, brother of Herkimer, is a physician at St. Johnsville, and John Green is a prominent physician at Sharon Springs.

Goodier, James G., Frankfort, one of eleven children of Aaron and Abigail (Kendall) Goodier, both of Litchfield. The grandfather, Rev. Aaron Goodier, clergyman, was born in England and educated for the ministry, preaching there for several years. He came to this country when thirty-five years of age and was during his active life a minister of the Gospel, living in the town of Litchfield, where he was a large land owner. Abigail Kendall, the mother, was a daughter of Ammi Kendall, contractor, a native of Massachusetts. James G. was married May 1, 1872, to Mary A. Slaughter of Litchfield. Until 1888 he lived in Litchfield when he moved to the village of Frankfort where he now lives. He is justice of the peace and does a real estate and collecting business.

Goodale, G. A., German Flats, was born in Mohawk, May 26, 1846. He first started in the grocery business in Richfield and was afterwards assistant shipper in the agricultural works in Ilion for fifteen years. He spent five years in the painting trade and conducted a meat market for four years. He has been in his present grocery and confectionery business in Mohawk about a year. In 1868 he married Anna M. Dodge. Mr. Goodale is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics a Prohibitionist.

Guiney, John & Company, Little Falls. This firm consists of John Guiney and Benjamin O. Sullivan, and was established in 1859, for the purpose of retailing liquors in Little Falls. Both members of the firm were born in Ireland and have, since establishing business here, made a host of friends and built up a large and lucrative trade. They are influential members of the A. O. U. W.

Golden, D. N., German Flats, was born in Columbia, April 14, 1830. His father, Benjamin, was a trunk maker. Mr. Golden was connected with various hotels

during the many years of his life and had government contracts on the canal, of which he was at one time section superintendent. He has of late acted as traveling salesman. His marriage occurred in 1858, and he has three children: Cora E. Hiltz, Harvey M. Golden, assistant cashier in the Mohawk bank, and Frank M., who resides in Chicago, Ill.

Greene, Willis, Danube, was born on the old farm in Danube, September 17, 1846. He received a liberal education in Fairfield Seminary and at Fort Edward. Mr. Greene owns fifty-four acres of land on the river road, Danube, and follows the occupation of market gardening, in which he has been very successful. His wife was Margaret Le Row, and they have one child, a son. This branch of the Greene family descent is traced from General Greene of Revolutionary fame.

Gardinier, Albert, Danube, was born on the old farm upon which he still lives and owns, April 19, 1834. This land was bought by his grandfather who lived and died upon it and is buried in the old burying ground on the farm. His father, John Gardinier, also lived, died and is buried here. Albert Gardinier received a good education in the schools of this vicinity and has served the town of Danube as assessor several terms. He married Fanny Burrell of Herkimer county and they have three sons and three daughters. He is a successful farmer and has about two hundred acres of fine dairy land and keeps on an average fifty head of cattle besides other stock.

Griswold, G. W., Fairfield, was born in Fairfield, August 3, 1806, and has been a farmer all his life. His ancestors came from Saybrook, Conn., in 1780, and have resided in these parts ever since. His grandfather was in the Revolutionary war. In 1835 Mr. Griswold went to Newport, and fifteen years ago settled in Middleville. He has taken great interest in public and educational affairs all his life, and is a very intelligent and highly esteemed citizen. He is one of the oldest men in Herkimer county.

Getman, Sanford, German Flats, was born in German Flats, March 23, 1833, a son of Jacob Getman, a farmer. At the age of ten years Mr. Getman entered the Armory, at the old shop, and five years later he started the first bus line here. This he sold at the opening of the war and went into the flour and feed business. In 1860 he married Julia E. Lyman. He has always been an ardent Democrat, and has served as supervisor and assessor nine years.

Gerhart, Louis, Dolgeville, was born in Germany, June 28, 1852. He received a good education in the schools of Germany, and in 1870 came to this country. After working on a farm for some time, Mr. Gerhart learned the mason trade, and worked in this industry for seventeen years, after which he purchased a very desirable property in Dolgeville, opposite the Cottage Hotel, and established his present liquor business, which he has since most successfully conducted. Mr. Gerhart married Miss Wagner. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

Gibson, Burr, Ohio, was born in Ohio, September 1, 1865. He is a son of Samuel and Susan Gibson, whom we have mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools. In 1867 he married Addie Case, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of George and Mary Case, of Ohio. To Mr. Gibson and wife

two children have been born, Willie and Nora, both living. Mr. Gibson is a farmer and Democrat.

Guenther, George, Dolgeville, was born in Germany, November 18, 1848. After securing a good education in the schools there he learned the machinist trade in Saxony, at which trade he worked for some years. In 1877 he came to America and entered the employ of Alfred Dolge as superintendent of the machinist department, which position he still holds. Mr. Guenther married Miss Annie Dolge, a sister of Alfred Dolge. They have one child, a boy. Mr. Guenther is a member of the school board, aid society, Royal Arcanum, Building and Loan Association, Odd Fellows, etc.

Gray, C. B., Ohio, was born in Norway, March 29, 1845, a son of Lathan, who was a son of Lathan Gray, of Connecticut. The latter married Amy Brown in 1791 and had seven daughters and two sons. Lathan, jr., was born in Lebanon, Conn., April 21, 1800. His wife was Julia A. Pendleton, by whom he had two sons. In 1828 he went to Norway, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a manufacturer of lumber and furniture. In 1831 Mrs. Gray died and in 1836 he married Catherine, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Bensley, early settlers of Newport. Mr. Gray and wife had two sons and one daughter. Mr. Gray's second wife died in 1855, and he married third, Mary A., daughter of Asa Vickery, of Russia. Mr. Gray was a Democrat and a Free Mason, and was supervisor. The village of Gray was named in his honor. He died in 1884 and his last wife died in 1890. Subject received a common school education. In October, 1890, he married Melissa E. Figert, daughter of William and Jane (Elsie) Burberry, natives of England, who had eight children. In 1854 Mr. Burberry and wife came to America and settled in Ohio. N. Y., where Mrs. Burberry died on May 9, 1887. Mr. Burberry was a manufacturer of brick and tile, and died in Norway in 1870. The first husband of Mrs. Gray was Charles Figert, a native of Ohio, by whom she had one child, Charlotta. Mr. Figert died November 10, 1887. In 1890 Mrs. Figert graduated from the Cortland Normal school. Mr. Gray is a Democrat and has been supervisor three years. He is a member of Newport Lodge, No. 458, F. and A. M., of Little Falls, Commandery No. 26, Ilion Chapter, No. 236.

Harter, Aaron, Herkimer, was born in New Herkimer, October 29, 1816. His father, Nicholas Harter, settled here in 1812. Mr. Harter owns 255 acres of farm land, besides a large amount of other property. He has fifty-five head of stock and conducts a dairy farm. Mr. Harter has been a very successful farmer. He has served as justice of the peace and is a staunch Democrat. His wife, who is seventy-four years of age, is an energetic and most careful lady and has aided him most materially in his successful transactions in life. They live on the old farm on the Steuben road.

Helmer, Samuel, Dolgeville, was born in the town of Manheim, February 8, 1820, and has always lived on the farm which he purchased from his father. It contains 150 acres of fine dairy land and upon it he keeps about twenty-five head of cattle besides other stock. Mr. Helmer has four children living, two boys, Hannibal and Dwight, and two girls, Mrs. Annie Bracket, and Mrs. Eugene Snell. Helmer's ancestry is of German descent. His grandfather was in the war of the Revolution, and his father in that of 1812 at Sackett's Harbor. His son, Dwight Helmer, assists him on the farm,

and his other son, Hannibel Helmer, is engaged in the meat business in Dolgeville. Both sons have received an academic education.

Hyer, Otis H., Little Falls, is a native of Rensselaer, N. Y. He has been in the woolen manufacturing line for thirteen years and is an expert. He was five years in Pittsfield, Mass., and after three years' absence returned to the same firm. He was two years in Woonsocket and four years in Providence, R. I., then with the Rhode Island Knitting Company in Berwick three years. After a short stay in Fonda, N. Y., he returned to Little Falls and is one of the superintendents of MacKinnon's Mill. Mr. Hyer served his country in the war of the Rebellion in Company K, Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment and participated in the battles of Petersburg, Lynchburg and Piedmont, in the last of which he was wounded and taken prisoner and passed eleven months in Andersonville prison. He was under fifteen years old when he enlisted. He is a Republican.

Hall, Dr. Horace, Little Falls, is a native of Princeton, Ind. His father was chief justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana and also Lieutenant-Governor of the State. Horace enlisted as private in the Fifty-eighth Indiana Volunteers, Company K., and after the close of the war was mustered out as captain of the company. Dr. Hall has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession of dental surgery since his graduation about twenty years ago. He married Miss Hattie E. Scutt of Almena, but has no family. His office is located at No. 596 East Main street. The doctor enjoys a leading patronage with the first families of Little Falls and Herkimer county.

Hose, Wallace, Little Falls, was born in St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, N. Y., receiving an excellent education in the schools of this county and the Cazenovia Seminary. His earlier business experience was in mercantile transactions, he having been engaged in this line in St. Johnsville for two years, and at Fort Plain; after which he entered the employ of H. M. Burch, with whom he remained seven years. He then accepted a position with Titus Sheard as bookkeeper, eventually being admitted a member of the concern in which he now holds the position of secretary of the company. Mr. Hose is a member of various local, social and benevolent institutions. He married Edith I. Sheard and they have one child.

Hunt, T. E., of the township of Little Falls, owns one of the best farms near the village and is a prosperous and progressive farmer. He is also a veteran of the late war, having enlisted in the Tenth Missouri Infantry, but was subsequently transferred to the Fifteenth and then to the Seventeenth New York Regiments, and served with the Army of the Potomac. He is a prominent Grand Army man, and a member of the Grange. Mrs. Hunt was the first white child born in De Kalb county, Illinois.

Harrid, George, Danube, was born in England, February 16, 1839; he has lived in this country about thirty-eight years and has owned his farm of forty acres of land, lying on the Odesa Creek, for nearly twenty-seven years. He married Mary Finale and they have four children, two sons and two daughters. He is an excellent farmer and a thorough and honorable man.

House, Squire, Little Falls, was born in this county and received a common school education in the Jordanville district school. In 1861 he enlisted in the Thirty-fourth New York Volunteers and served two years in the Rebellion, participating in many of the leading battles and engagements which occurred during this period. He was engaged for two years after the war in cutting marble, and in 1865 he established a general merchandise store upon the canal. Mr. House gives employment to from ten to twenty hands cutting wood. He has cleared over three hundred acres of wood in this vicinity. He is of Mohawk Dutch descent and of Revolutionary antecedents. His wife was Cornelia Orendorf of Fort Herkimer, by whom he had two children, a son and a daughter. His wife died October 28, 1892.

Halling, Theodore C., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, February 7, 1862. His father was born in Germany and came to this country in his youth. He was for many years a leading tailor and draper in this village before his death. Theodore C. was educated at Little Falls Academy, and was for many years manager of a clothing store in Ithaca, N. Y. He married Rose Lampman, and they have one child. Mr. Halling is now conducting a tobacco, cigar and confectionery establishment opposite the Metropolitan Hotel, Little Falls.

Helmer, Philip, Dolgeville, was born in the town of Manheim, August 9, 1823. He received a good education in the schools of his native town, and has up to the time of his retirement been a successful farmer. He married a sister of Brig.-Gen. Spoffard, Emeline Spoffard. Mr. Helmer's grandfather participated in the Revolutionary war, and his father, Leonard Helmer, in the war of 1812. Mr. Helmer sold his farm of 200 acres to Alfred Dolge, who has located the new depot of the Little Falls and Dolgeville railroad thereon. Mr. Helmer still retains the old homestead, which is one of the most picturesque and pleasantly located homes of Dolgeville. They have one adopted daughter.

Hoke, Charles D., Danube, was born in Danube in 1854. He was reared on a farm, and before his death his father purchased a farm of about fifty acres, which he presented to Charles, and upon which the latter now lives. This place is adjacent to Newville. Chas. Hoke married Catharine Matice. They have no children.

Hawthorne, Wilson, Schuyler, was born in Oneida County, in the town of Deerfield, April 22, 1825, and has been a farmer all his life. His father, William Hawthorne, came from Ireland in 1812, coming up the Mohawk valley on a flat-boat. In 1856 Mr. Hawthorne married Mary Ann Conlin, of Deerfield, and they have six children: Wilson, Jane, Charles, James, William, and Minnie. Wilson married Ruth Ladd, daughter of S. P. Ladd. Mr. Hawthorne has been poormaster, and has held other positions in the town.

Hoffman, George, Danube, was born at East Creek, Herkimer county, April 8, 1851. He married Lizzie Kuhnback, and their family consists of five children: two sons and three daughters. Mr. Hoffman's grandfather, Isaac Wheeler, was with Gen. Herkimer at Oriskany. Our subject resides on the old homestead, known as the Herkimer Farm, which consists of 160 acres, and is located in Danube, near the Mohawk river. Mr. Hoffman is a member of the A. O. U. W., etc.

Houghton, William L., Ingham Mills, was born in Fulton county, March 14, 1825. When twenty-one years of age he came to Ingham Mills, and was for nine years engaged in saw-mill business for the Inghams, after which he established himself in the blacksmithing industry, which he has carried on for thirty-seven years here in Ingham Mills. Mr. Houghton has lately retired from business, and is succeeded by his son, Geo. M. Houghton. Mr. Houghton has served as overseer of the poor for two terms, justice of the peace, etc., and is much respected by all who know him. He married Miss L. La Due, and has only one child living. Mr. Houghton's father, Richard Houghton, was in the war of 1812, and his grandfather in the Revolution.

Harter, P. P., Herkimer, is a native of Herkimer, and was born August 28, 1826. He has been a farmer all of his life, and has resided nearly all that time on his present farm. His father and grandfather before him lived on this farm. He married Miss May Kest, and they have two sons, Edwin and Frank. Mr. Harter has sixty-four acres of dairy farm and fourteen cows. He has never belonged to any organization, but his son Frank is a member of the Grange. They are all Democrats.

Holmes, Brainerd O., Winfield, was born on the farm where he now lives, April 26, 1847. He is a son of Orange Holmes, born on the same farm, of which this is a part, December 25, 1803, and died December 13, 1864. He married Henrietta Brainerd, January 15, 1829, who died March 28, 1891. Orange was a son of Elijah Holmes, who settled on this farm at an early date. The house is one of the oldest in Winfield. Brainerd O. Holmes married Mary J. Hadley, September 21, 1869, and they have two children: Mabel M., and Harold B. Mrs. Mary J. Holmes was a daughter Harry and Mary Hadley, residents and natives of Litchfield. Orange Holmes had six children: Pamela A., Leonidas B., Sarah R., Caroline E., Ellen C., and Brainerd O. Deacon Elijah Holmes came from Connecticut and settled in Winfield about 1794. He was the first shoemaker, and tanned his own leather, grinding the bark by horse power, and the ruins of his tannery are still to be seen at North Winfield.

Hull, Henry W., farmer and carpenter of Litchfield, was born in Watertown, Jefferson county, May 10, 1836, and settled in Litchfield in 1878. He married Eliza M. Jones, of this town, by whom he had two children: Herbert H., and Walter A. The former married Kittie, daughter of Benjamin and Jane Richards, of Litchfield. Henry Hull is a son of Shubel Hull, a native of Watertown, who married Sophronia Pierce, of Lorraine, Jefferson county, N. Y. Mrs. Ella M. Hull is a daughter of William and Elsie Jones, of this town. Shubel Hull was a son of John Hull, a mason contractor and builder, who was a native of Connecticut, and settled early in Jefferson county.

Huntley, Jackson M., Litchfield, was born November 9, 1834, at Exeter, Otsego county, and he married Almira Gitchell, by whom he has four children: Lester G., Lucy G., Carlson Le Grange, and Loren Grant. Mrs. Huntley was the only daughter of Benjamin and Palmyra (Hadley) Gitchell, natives of Winfield. Lester G. Huntley married Essie McKentry; Lucy G. married Gusta Carlson, and they have one son named Harold G. Carlson.



Harwick, Joseph, Stark, came from Rensselaer county and settled where our subject resides about 1790. He died about 1815. He was twice married, raised one son, Conrad Harwick, who was born October 10, 1774, and came with his father to Stark, where he died in October, 1862. He served in the war of 1812 at Sackett's Harbor. His wife was Sarah, daughter of Garrett and Anna M. Brower. Subject's mother died in 1848. She had five children, three survived: Christiana Snell, John P. and Anna M. Gaungs. John P. Harwick was born June 15, 1813, and has always resided here, owning 107 acres. He has been a Whig and Republican. He married in February, 1847, Julia A., daughter of David and Luvina (Brower) Kingsley, and they had one child, James K., born December 26, 1847, who lived with his parents and ran the farm. He married March 11, 1891, Ellie, daughter of Berry and Lucy (Ward) Eckler. They have one child, John H.

Hall, John, Stark, was born in Stark June 13, 1838, a son of Alexander and Jane (Mount) Hall. The grandfather, Thomas, was born in Ireland, and came to the United States after the Revolution and settled in Stark with a brother, Robert. Later he moved to Onondaga county, and thence to California in 1859, where he died, over eighty years of age. He served as justice many years and was a Mason. His wife was Louise Sprague. They raised four children: Alexander, John G., Nancy and Martha. His wife died in Onondaga county. Alexander was born in Springfield, Otsego county. About 1830 he moved to Stark and engaged in mercantile business with his brother. In 1839 he moved where his son now resides and bought and operated a grist and saw-mill, also growing hops largely. He served as supervisor and died in the fall of 1885, aged seventy-eight. His wife survives him. They had three children: Martha, John and Elizabeth. She was a daughter of John Mount, who came from New Jersey, and was an aid and captain under General Washington. At twenty-one John began farming where he now resides, also engaging in hop business until 1890. He is a Democrat and a leader of Fort Plain and Utica Commandery. He married August 7, 1861, Mariette Springer, born in Columbia, daughter of Martin L. and Charlotte (Kinter) Springer, of Stark. Martin L. Springer was in the 142d N. Y. Vols., lieutenant. He was twice married. His first wife had two children, Martha and Mariette. Martin L. was a son of Ludwick, who came from Rensselaer county. Subject has had four children, two living: Oliver and Jennie L. Cora died, aged thirteen, and one died in infancy. They attend the Universalist church.

Houghton, Clark, farmer, of Eatonville, is a native of Vermont and was born in 1818. At the age of seventeen he came to the town of Little Falls, where he has lived ever since. He was a carpenter for seventeen years prior to beginning his farm life. He owns 126 acres of land and has a herd of thirty cows. His father was also a native of Vermont and his grandfather was an Englishman. His father went to Canada with the American troops in 1812. Clark Houghton married Eliza Arnold, and they have one daughter, Mrs. Alexander Martin. Mr. Houghton is a Republican, and has voted for every president except Scott since the election of the first Harrison in 1841.

Hoke, Solomon, Warren, was born in Minden July 1, 1827, and is a son of Peter and Margaret (Comtynan) Hoke. Peter served in the war of 1812. He was a Luth-



eran and a Democrat and died in 1844. They had four sons and eight daughters. Solomon Hoke, the youngest son, at the age of seventeen began the carpenter's trade, which he followed ten years, when he began farming in Jefferson county. In 1856 he sold out and settled in Danube, and in 1869 moved to Warren, where he now owns 124 acres of land. In 1854 he married Catherine (Springer) Walter, and they had five children: Rosa, wife of Alpha Ball; Walter, died at thirteen; Carrie, died at two; Orville J. and Emma, wife of David Mixer.

Hoover, John P., Fairfield, was born in Manheim in 1828 and has followed farming all his life. His great-grandfather came from Switzerland. His grandfather was Jacob Hoover and his father William Hoover. In 1861 Mr. Hoover married Catherine Ryan, a daughter of Joseph Ryan, and they have a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Mr. Hoover is a Democrat. His father was at Sackett's Harbor in 1812 and was given a grant of government land. Mr. Hoover has 132 acres of land and a herd of twenty-four cows.

Hosford, William, Warren, and wife, Theresa (Jepson), came from North Adams, Mass., to Cedarville, Oneida county, where he followed the occupation of shoemaker. They had five children: Lorenzo, Matthew, William, Lot and Clarissa. He died in September, 1853, aged sixty-eight, and his wife July 4, 1861, aged seventy-five. Lorenzo Hosford was born in Bridgewater, Oneida county, May 22, 1812. He married Julia A., daughter of Henry and Christina Devendorf, who bore him four children: Seward, Alanson B., Israel and Frank. He died April 20, 1891, and his wife September 29, 1889. Frank D. Hosford was born at Cedarville October 13, 1852. He received an academic education, and at twenty-two left home and began clerking at Hemlock Lake, where he passed three years, then one year at Cedarville, where he began cheese-making at the latter place. He married March 18, 1885, Clara L., daughter of David and Mary (Schooley) Evans, of Litchfield, and located where he now lives and manufactures cheese. They have one child, Mary E.

Humphrey, B., German Flats, was born in Holland Patent in 1854. He was a farmer's son. His father was Griffith Humphrey, who died in 1890. Mr. Humphrey has been in the saloon business for several years. He formerly worked in the armory. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Red Men and the Odd Fellows, of the Mount Encampment and was chief of police for four years. In 1879 he married Miss Eliza Mahanna, and they have one daughter, Alberta.

Harrison, Horace L., Litchfield, who has been justice of the peace for twenty years in succession, has also been postmaster of Norwich Corners for twelve years. He has been president of the Norwich Corners Cemetery Association for about ten years, since its organization. He was supervisor of this town for five years in succession. He taught school in this and adjoining towns twenty-four terms and holds a State certificate. He is now a farmer, owning about 125 acres. He was born May 3, 1823, on the farm where he now lives. His father, Captain Josiah Harrison, came from North Brantford, Conn., about 1809. He was a captain of militia in the war of 1812 and was stationed at Sackett's Harbor. He died September 14, 1864, aged seventy-eight. Horace L. Harrison married Mary N., daughter of James Groves, of New Hartford,

Oneida county, and they have four children: Jennie F., Hattie A., Henry E. and Gertie M. Lavina Harrison died October 20, 1870, aged eighty-seven years.

Johnson, Horace M., Little Falls, was born in Schuyler. He received his education in the schools of this county, and early commenced actively the life of a farmer. His father was engaged in teaching school in Little Falls for a number of years, afterwards becoming engaged in agricultural pursuits. The Johnson family are of New England descent, members of the family having served in the Revolutionary War, the great-grandfather of Horace M. having been at Sackett's Harbor. His father was born and reared at Eaton's Bush. The family now own considerable land at Schuyler, where nearly all of them are located. Mr. Johnson's wife was Margaret Garry, and they have one daughter, who is the wife of Frank Robinson.

Jackson, W. R., German Flats, is a native of Charlestown, Va., and was born November 26, 1858. He came to Ilion in 1868 and attended the school here five years. He was for some time a successful professional ball player and has been in the apiarist's business for several years. In 1882 he married Miss Helen E. Denel. He is a Republican. His father was John B. Jackson.

Jones, Dennison S., Winfield, one of the representative farmers of Winfield, owns a dairy and hop farm of 212 acres. He was born in Litchfield March 8, 1832, and settled on this farm where he now lives in 1861. He is a son of William Jones, one of the first settlers in Litchfield, and his father was from Nova Scotia. Dennison S. Jones married, December 8, 1858, Alvira, daughter of Sewell Slade of Columbia, and afterwards Litchfield. Dennison S. and Alvira Jones have two children: Julius C., and Jessie E.

Jones, Henry D., Winfield, was the first manager of the milk station called Cedarville, and started the business in 1889. They make both butter and cheese. The milk is bought here of the farmers and shipped to the proprietor in New York city. Henry D. Jones married Lillie C., daughter of Mrs. Eliza Hayes of Unadilla Forks. Henry Jones makes both butter and cheese.

Jones, Hiram, Winfield, was born on the farm where he now lives October 31, 1830, a son of Richard R. Jones, who was born in Danube, and died December 2, 1888, aged eighty-five years. His father was one of the first settlers of the town of Danube. Hiram Jones married, March 16, 1854, daughter of Conrad Folts of Frankfort. They have five children living: George C., Oliver R., Wallace H., Elva J. and Cora A. They have lost four children: James F., who died in infancy, October 7, 1857; Eva May, died October 9, 1864, aged about two years; Edith E., died September 9, 1875, aged about three years, and Mary E., October 17, 1879, aged about twenty-four years. Mr. Jones has served as assessor of Winfield.

Jones, William E., Schuyler, one of the leading farmers of Schuyler, was born on the farm he now owns July 18, 1845. His father was Richard Jones, a native of Wales. Mr. Jones has a large farm of 225 acres, under dairy and timber. He is a Republican in politics, and was commissioner of highways for six years. He is now serv-

ing his seventh year as assessor of the town. He has also been inspector of elections. Mr. Jones has two sisters living, Jennie Jones and Mrs. J. S. Davis.

Joslin, Aaron V., Frankfort, was born in Frankfort March 11, 1836. He was one of nine children of Lewis F. and Harriet C. (Vinton) Joslin, both natives of this town. The grandfather was Christopher Joslin, was born in Rhode Island, as was also his wife, Abigail (Hall) Joslin. They were among the early settlers of Frankfort. Aaron Joslin married, March 20, 1859, Rachel, daughter of William and Maria (Pruyn) Bridenbecker of Schuyler. She died March 13, 1874, leaving two children, Nellie, wife of R. C. Strachan, and Lindley A. Mr. Joslin married second, September 16, 1875, Sarah Adams, of Frankfort. In 1858 he started in business as a merchant, keeping a general store, under the name of L. F. Joslin & Son. Since 1884 he has kept a dry goods and wall paper store.

Stephens, Frank E., supervisor of Columbia and postmaster of Cedarville, is also dealer in general merchandise. He was born at Frankfort Hill April 5, 1862. He married Mamie E., daughter of Jeremiah Myers. His father was Stewart Stephens, a son of Roswell, a native of Stonington, Conn., who married Sophie Connable about 1809 and came to Frankfort. He died in 1854. He served in the War of 1812, was wounded at Lundy's Lane July 12, 1814, and was discharged that year.

Sibel, George F., blacksmith at Cedarville, was born in Mohawk in 1848, and settled here in 1871, where he has been in business since. He married Carrie Sharrock, and they have three children: Maude A., George L. and Charlie E., all living at home. George F. is a son of Charles Sibel, a native of Germany. He settled in Mohawk about 1847. Mrs. Carrie Sibel is a daughter of Robert Sharrock, who was a native of England, and settled in Cooperstown. Charles Sibel married Katie Countryman, a native of Minden, Montgomery county. She was a daughter of George Countryman, a descendant of one of the first settlers of that county.

Wheeler, Clarence J., lives on the farm first settled by Daniel Devendorf, being a dairy and stock farm. He was born in Cedarville, April 20, 1849, and settled on this farm in 1868. He married Jane L. Smith, and they have two children, Clara M., and Mary L. Clarence J. is the only son of Moses H. Wheeler, born May 31, 1823, who was a son of Lewis Wheeler, whose children were: Marcus L., Moses H., Whitney, Gaylord, Phoebe, Cornelia, Maria and Eliza. Lewis was born in Massachusetts, a son of Moses Wheeler, one of the first settlers. He came from Massachusetts and had six children: Moses, Lewis, Humphrey, Prentis, Artemus and James. Mrs. Jane L. Wheeler was born in Winfield in December, 1845, a daughter of Ansel, son of Levi Smith. Levi Smith came from Connecticut and early settled in Winfield. He died April 5, 1855, aged eighty-nine years. His children were: Henry, William, Ansel, Levi, jr., Laura, Sally, Chloe, Deliverance and Anna. Ansel Smith married Araminta Burdick, and they have four children: Levi C., Ansel A., Jane L. and Sarah. Levi Smith, jr., was born in Winfield and settled on this farm, 1834, and lived here until his death, May 27, 1881, aged 91 years. He married Miss Elizabeth Howard of Winfield.

Ingersoll, Fred T., German Flats, was born in Hion, June 2, 1860. His father was John D. Ingersoll and his grandfather John Ingersoll, who came from Brookline, Conn. Fred T. married Jennie Houghton, daughter of Richard Allen Houghton, in 1885, and they have a son, Palmer. Mr. Ingersoll is a prominent Mason, a member of the Chapter and Commandery, and is an active Republican.

Jones, Hadley, Little Falls, was born in Danube, N. Y., and was educated in the Little Falls academy and the Albany Law school, from which latter institution he was graduated in the class of 1850, and at once entered into active practice at Herkimer. He remained there until 1882, then removed to Little Falls and formed a co-partnership with the late George F. Crumby, which firm was dissolved by the death of Mr. Crumby, in 1887. Mr. Jones holds high rank at the bar, is a Mason, of high degree and is identified with leading social and political organizations. He married Henrietta Wilkinson, a niece of Judge Robert Earl of Herkimer, chief judge of the Court of Appeals of New York. Mr. Jones was elected supervisor in the spring of 1889. He has been solicited to accept other and more important offices of public trust, but has so far declined.

Johnson, Gilbert J., Ohio, was born in Watervliet, Albany county, September 23, 1837, a son of Henry J., who was a son of Peter F. Johnson, a native of Long Island. The father of Peter F. came from Holland and settled on Long Island. Peter F. married Hannah Ball, a native of Long Island, by whom he had five sons and four daughters. He was in the Revolutionary war. Early in life he moved to Knox, Albany county. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson died at Knox. Henry I. Johnson was born in Knox, April 17, 1804. In 1834 he married Eliza Ferguson, a native of Watervliet, born March, 1811. They had seven sons and three daughters. April 2, 1850, Mr. Johnson went to Ohio and purchased a farm, where he remained until 1855. He then went to Ashtabula, Ohio. Here he resided until 1882, when he moved to Muncie, Ind., and died December 23, 1884. His wife is still living in Muncie, at the age of eighty. Gilbert J. Johnson was educated in the common and select schools and at the age of nineteen went to California and remained thirty-eight years, when he returned to Ashtabula, Ohio. In 1868 he went to Ohio, N. Y., and took a contract mail route, which he followed twenty-four years. He owned the grist-mill and store at Grant four years. November 1, 1865, he married Emily, a daughter of Albert Abeel, of Ohio, and they have two children: Fred P. and Hattie M. Mr. Johnson is a Republican, has been deputy sheriff nine years and was postmaster at Grant four years. He has been postmaster of Ohio City since January, 1892. He was assessor three years and notary public six years. He and his wife are Methodists. He is a member of Ohio Grange, No. 686.

James, Philip, Russia, was born in South Wales, December 12, 1832, a son of Levi James, a native of Wales, born in 1802. The wife of Levi was Mary Evans, born in Wales in 1804, and by whom he had nine sons and four daughters. In 1840 Mr. James came to Russia and settled at Prospect. He resided in Oneida county until his death, September 28, 1884. Philip was eight years old when his parents came to Oneida county. For fourteen years he was engaged in the mer-

cantile business at Grant. In 1859 he married Harriet Flansburg, a native of Ohio, N. Y., by whom he had two daughters, Minnie and Harriet. Mrs. James died September 28, 1865, and Mr. James married in 1881 Cynthia M. (Rust) Stone. Her first husband was George Stone, a native of Oneida county. He enlisted in the 117th N. Y. Infantry, Company H. and was killed at the battle before Richmond, September 29, 1864. Mr. Stone and wife had two children: Clarence, who is a farmer in Russia, and Jessie, who resides on her farm in Russia. Mrs. James was a daughter of Hiram Rust, whose father, Abel Rust, was born in 1759, in Connecticut. He had eight children. Mr. Rust served seven years in the Revolutionary war. Abel Rust came to Russia in 1818 and settled on the farm now owned by Jessie Stone. He died in 1842, at the age of ninety-three. Hiram Rust was born July 4, 1794, in Kent, Conn. October 11, 1822, he married Mary Taylor, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. Hiram Rust was a farmer and geologist. He died February 3, 1886. He married Mary, daughter of Samuel and Cynthia Taylor, early settlers in Russia. Mrs. Rust died October 11, 1888. William P. Rust, the son of Hiram, was born in 1827 and was a brother-in-law of Charles Wolcott, of the U. S. Geological department at Washington. He was also a geologist himself, having procured several of the best individual cabinets in Central New York. He sold a fine collection of fossils to the State and has sent a great many specimens to Washington. In politics he was a Republican. He was identified with all movements for the church and was a liberal and earnest Christian. Mr. Rust never married, but his niece, Miss Jessie Stone, has been mistress of his home for several years.

Jackson, James O., Little Falls, was born in this county. He was liberally educated in the Little Falls academy and the Academy at Fairfield, after which he engaged in farming in Fairfield and Manheim for several years, until the age of thirty-two years, when he sold his farm property and moved to Little Falls. After dealing in cattle for some time, he finally purchased the Grand Central Hotel property on Main street, which he conducted until 1887, when he disposed of it to Daniel Leahy and others. After this he purchased the Jackson House, which he has since conducted, on Albany street. Mr. Jackson married Emma Timmerman, and they have one son and two daughters. Mr. Jackson also conducts a livery and sale stable in connection with his hotel.

Elwood, David B. (deceased) was born May 3, 1831, a mile south of Starkville, son of David and Nancy (Baum) Elwood. He received a district school education, and was twice married, first, September 22, 1852, to Sarah, daughter of John and Eliza (Hall) Smith, who died October 1, 1855. November 11, 1857, he married, second, Martha Springer, of Stark, born March 4, 1836, a daughter of Jacob L. and Mary (Dater) Springer. The grandfather was Loadwick Springer. Jacob L. was born in Stark. In early days he was a colonel of militia, and an active Whig and Republican. He died in 1843. They had eight children: Louis H., Philip, Catharine, Hannah, Elizabeth, Martha and Caroline. Mrs. Springer was born in Brunswick, a daughter of Henry and Christina (Fake) Dater. She died in 1884 in her eighty-sixth year. Subject's second wife bore him seven children: Edwin, who died, aged four; Sarah (Mrs. Hale

A. Mixer, Willie E., died, aged two; Ellis D., Mary E. (Mrs. Willis Davis), John S. and Carrie D. Subject and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. David B. lived and died where his widow now resides on 225 acres. His widow and son retain the homestead.

Bellinger, P. E., is one of the old residents of Little Falls, and was born July 2, 1837. In 1860 he married Lana Catharine Uhle and has a family of six children, three sons and three daughters. He owns 223 acres of land utilized for dairying, hay and grain, and has a herd of thirty-six milch cows. In politics he is a liberal-minded Democrat; his sons sharing the same political faith. His youngest son, Peter A.; his daughter, Mamie M., and youngest daughter, Ada G., are at home. His oldest daughter, Melissa A., and the two oldest sons, James H. and Frank E., are married.

Tallman, W. Akins, is a native of Schuyler. His father, Ebenezer Tallman, came from Schenectady, and was drafted in the war of 1812. He hired a substitute and sent in his place. In 1871 W. A. Tallman married Esther Willis, and they have five children, four daughters and a son. Mr. Tallman is a Republican in politics, and is a representative citizen. He has been poormaster of the town two years.

Lewis, David, Ilion, was born in Albany, July 5, 1835. He came to Herkimer county in 1853, and in August, 1856, he entered the Frankfort Bank as teller, and April 6, 1868, was elected cashier and held the two positions twelve years in all; and when that bank was closed the directors gave him a very flattering testimonial: Resolved, That said David Lewis, esq., the cashier of this bank, has, by his strict integrity and his careful and skillful management of the affairs of the bank for the past ten years, won the respect and esteem of the members of this board; and they think it proper and fitting that at this, their last meeting, they should in this manner express their sentiments and feelings toward him, and tender him their best wishes for his future happiness and welfare. In 1872 Mr. Lewis became cashier of the Ilion National Bank and has held the position ever since.

Miller, Alonzo P., Winfield, was born in Frankfort, January 21, 1837. He owns a grain and dairy farm of 183 acres. He enlisted in the late war in Company E, 152d N. Y. Volunteers, September 11, 1862, was appointed corporal, September 21, 1862, and served as such until he became sergeant, December 2, 1864; he also served in the regiment band about one year. He was discharged July 13, 1865, near Washington, D. C. His father was Riley Miller, who was born in Chatham, Columbia county, and early settled in this town. He was born May 6, 1805, and died October 6, 1874. He was a son of Nathaniel Miller, born July 8, 1775, and died July 24, 1856. Alonzo P. Miller married October 6, 1868, Hester A. Slade, and they have two children: Mammie E., who married James K. Arnold, and Carrie L., a teacher at North Winfield. Hester A. Miller was a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Slade, of Litchfield.

Salisbury, John E., Litchfield, was born in Wales, October 20, 1855, and settled in Frankfort. He came to this town about 1870, and in 1883 settled on the Marshall farm of 123 acres. He commenced the manufacturing of lime here in 1886. The limestone is quarried on the farm, and the kiln now in use he built that year. He also carries on

farming. He married Mary E., daughter of Henry Goodier, who was a son of Rev. Aaron Goodier. Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury have four children: Ethel M., Harry G., Elma M. and Grace E. John E. is a son of Robert and Mary Salisbury. The latter died January 1, 1892, aged sixty-nine years.

Harris, William H., Middleville, was born in Fairfield, October 17, 1813, and learned the blacksmith's trade. His forefathers were prominent in the settlement of Rhode Island, with Roger Williams. The subject has in his possession the first charter given by Charles II. to Roger Williams and others. The father of William H. Harris came on foot and alone from Rhode Island to Fairfield in 1780, at the age of sixteen; at the age of thirty-two he married Rebecca Kimball, who bore him two sons and three daughters, as follows: John Harris, died in Newport in 1862, aged forty; Olive, married Lewis Hall, of Newport; Lydia, married E. J. Chassels, of Holland Patent; Sarah who married Rev. G. O. Phelps, of Potsdam; and William H., the subject, who married Miss M. E. Kellar. They have five children living. Mr. Harris owns 175 acres of dairy farm, stocked with thirty-seven cows. He is a Republican.

Kenyon, Samuel P. (deceased), was born in Ira, Cayuga county, September 1, 1846, a son of H. B. and Betsey (Brown) Kenyon. Rev. H. B. Kenyon was a Baptist minister, and lived and died in Ira, Cayuga county. He raised a family of eleven children. Samuel P. received a district school education and began life as a clerk. He ran a store at Oriskany Falls, and traveled for Comstock Brothers, of Utica, for two years. For one year he was with Fonda & Bagley, of Albany. In 1873 he came to Warren, where he engaged at farming until his death, June 14, 1884. He was an active Mason, and was serving as justice on his second term at his death. He was an active Republican. In 1861 he enlisted in the Eighty-seventh Ohio Regiment and served four months. In 1863 he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-fourth N. Y. Cavalry, as first sergeant, was wounded in the leg before Petersburg, and carried the ball to his grave. He was sent to Harwood Hospital, Washington, D. C. For a time after his recovery he acted as clerk in the quartermaster's department. He received a medal of honor voted by Congress, for bravery displayed on the field of battle, and was discharged with the regiment at the close of the war. He married January 2, 1873, Rebecca Marshall, born in Warren, where she resides, September 9, 1852, a daughter of Daniel and Lucy (Green) Marshall. Mr. Marshall was born April 11, 1784, in Connecticut, and died February 22, 1862. He came to Warren prior to the war of 1812, and followed farming all his life. He had three children: Jeremiah, who died in childhood; Webster, who was killed at twenty while coasting, and Rebecca. Mr. Marshall was a member of the Masonic fraternity. Subject and wife had four children: Darwin B., Florence, Marshall and Floyd. Mrs. Kenyon owns the homestead. She received her education in the district school and Richfield select school.

Kay, Artemas J., Litchfield, is one of the prominent farmers of Litchfield. He married Julia, daughter of Barnum Ball, who is a son of Elias B. Ball, one of the leading farmers of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Kay have four sons: Francis R., Bertram J., Simon R. and Unie C. Kay. Artemas J. is a son of John Kay, a native of England, who came with his parents when ten years of age, and settled in Frankfort. He married



Elmira L. Matteson, of this town, and they had five children, two of whom survive: Laurence E. and Artemas J. Mrs. Emira L. Kay was a daughter of Stephen A. Matteson, who came with his father, Jesse Matteson, from Rhode Island, and settled early in this town. John Kay, died March 28, 1863, aged forty-nine years.

Klipple, George, Litchfield, operates a saw and grist-mill and conducts a farm. He was born in Germany March 19, 1845, came to America in 1855 and to Litchfield in 1857. He came to his present place on the Gulf road in 1870. He bought the mill of William Jones, who had had it since about 1850. It was built here at a very early day by David Beals, one of the first settlers of this town. George Klipple married Alice Ring, born November 18, 1837, in Germany; she died June 9, 1883, leaving five children: Henry, Augustus, David, Frederick and John. For his second wife he married Clara Meadel, by whom he had these children: Katie, Clara, Elma George, jr., and Gustus. George Klipple is a son of George and Susanna Klipple, both deceased. George Klipple, sr., died November 1, 1882, aged seventy-six years and Susanna Klipple died August 13, 1881, aged seventy-four years.

Kenyon, V. S., Fairfield, is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y. When an infant his parents moved to Middleville. After filling various positions of trust and responsibility, Mr. Kenyon was appointed general agent of tickets, freight and express in Middleville. In 1883 he married Jennie Hancock, and they have one son. His grandfather was born in 1800 and his father in 1823, they being both of the same name, V. S. Kenyon, which is also the name of Mr. Kenyon's son.

Krick, John, baggage-master on the New York Central Railroad at Frankfort, is a native of Germany and came to America in 1861. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 121st N. Y. Regt., and participated in many notable battles, among them the Wilderness, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and he was wounded and taken prisoner. He was honorably discharged in July, 1865, and then took his present position, which he has held ever since. He is a charter member of Frank Mann Post, and has been commander for two years. He married Mary Molk, and they have three sons and four daughters, one of the sons and all of the daughters being married.

Klock, Reuben, Danube, was born in Danube August 11, 1818. His grandfather, George Klock, settled in this county early in the seventeenth century, and his father was John B. Klock, who lived to a good old age, reared a family and died in Danube. Reuben Klock married Barbara A. Bellinger, and has a family of nine children living, four sons and five daughters. Mr. Klock has given his children much land, and still owns about 607 acres. His children are as follows: Byron, Irving, Elinor, Emmett, Walter, Ianthy, Maggie, Mary and Alice. Mr. Klock is a member of the Universalist church and is a staunch Democrat.

Knapp, Wheeler, Dolgeville, was born in Greenfield, Saratoga county, January 25, 1835. He was engaged in the lumber business in Stratford for thirty years, after which he was for two years in the same line in Lewis county. In 1883 he came to Dolgeville, where he established his present saw and planing-mills. He does contracting, building, etc., and owns the cheese factory, besides dealing in real estate. He



married Miss H. E. Crane, by whom he had five children. Some years after her death he married Marion E. Bliss, by whom he had three children. Mr. Knapp has served as assessor, commissioner of highways, inspector of election, and served on the board of supervisors five terms. Since coming to Dolgeville he has served as inspector of elections twice. Mr. Knapp is a high degree Mason, an Odd Fellow, a Knight Templar, etc.

Kirby, William, Herkimer, was born in the town of Herkimer and received his education in the schools of this vicinity. He has always followed farming. His farm consists of 200 acres of dairy land, upon which he keeps sixty head of stock, besides his own facilities for making cheese. He married Miss Rosalia Hall, of Herkimer, and has seven children. His farm is located on the Steuben road, near Herkimer village. Of Mr. Kirby's children, George, Richard and John are married, and one daughter. His mother, Mrs. Richard Kirby, is still living and makes her home with him. The family originally came from England in about 1835.

Kingsley Brothers, Little Falls. John S. Kingsley was born at Cranberry Creek, Fulton county, September 31, 1858. He learned the business of shoe-peg working from his father, S. W. Kingsley, who conducted this branch of industry here for forty years prior to the Kingsley Brothers assuming charge about four years ago. John S. Kingsley married Fanny Bloodaugh, and they have one son. E. B. Kingsley was born at Cranberry Creek, Fulton county, November 8, 1861, and also learned the business with his father, John S. E. B. Kingsley was born at Cranberry Creek, Fulton county, November 8, 1861. He also learned the business with his father, and has been associated with his brother, John S., for the past four years. He married Carrie Brown, and they have one daughter. The Kingsley Brothers turn out from 100 to 200 bushels of shoe pegs per day and give employment to thirteen hands.

Keller, Amos, Little Falls, was born in the town of Little Falls. He received his early education in the schools of the district, and afterwards attended the Little Falls Academy, from which institution he was graduated. He taught school for four seasons, and for the six years following he was engaged in dairy farming. In February, 1858, he moved to the village of Little Falls and established a mercantile house and engaged in the sale of groceries and general provisions. This he conducted until 1883, when he retired from active business operations. Mr. Keller married Miss M. C. Goodell, of Fairfield, by whom he has two children, two daughters, one of whom married Mr. Gage, a prominent merchant of his village, and one is the wife of Glen P. Munson, of Herkimer, a merchant of that village. Mr. Keller has served four terms upon the board of trustees of the village and is an extensive real estate owner here.

Leon, John, Little Falls, was born in the village of Little Falls December 19, 1861. He received an academic education, and at an early age entered the employ of Jacob Zoller, the well-known produce dealer. Here his services were soon appreciated, and he was advanced to more important departments, and soon developed characteristics which made his services very valuable to Mr. Zoller. Mr. Leon is now Mr. Zoller's right hand man and confidential clerk, and virtually manages the business. Mr. Leon married Sarah H. Cornell, and they have four children, three sons and a daughter: John, Harry, Irving and Sarah.

Legg, A. H., Russia, was born in Chenango county February 28, 1841, a son of Adna who was a son of Dewitt Legg, a native of Massachusetts, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Adna Legg was a native of Mendon, Mass. In 1828 he went to Chenango county and there spent the remainder of his life. His wife was Catherine Vosbough, a native of Spraker's Basin Montgomery county, by whom he had three sons. He was a mason and cooper by trade. The father of Catherine Legg was Isaac Vosbough, one of the first settlers of Spraker's Basin. He and wife afterward moved to Chenango county where they died. They had eight daughters and two sons. A. H. Legg was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. September 29, 1867, he married Josephine M. Brainard, a native of Norway, Herkimer county, by whom he had three children: Annie C., Charles D. and Edna. Annie E. is now Mrs. Jerome Wilt of Gray. She has one son and two daughters. Mr. Legg manufactured cheese for ten years and also followed farming a short time. In 1886 he went to Grant and purchased the Garlock House, of which he has since been proprietor. He is a Republican and has been deputy sheriff of county three years. He was also deputy sheriff of Chenango county. He is a member of Newport Lodge 577 I. O. O. F. He and wife are members of the Equitable Aid Union 327. In 1862, August 4, Mr. Legg enlisted in the 114th N. Y. Infantry Co. and served three years. He was at Fort Bisland, Franklin, Opelousas and the forty-one days fight at Port Hudson on the Mississippi, and his regiment was the first that went into the works. April 7, 1864, at Sabine Cross Roads Mr. Legg became a prisoner and was taken to Mansfield and held until July 28, when he was exchanged. March 7, 1865, he received his discharge. The parents of Mrs. Legg were Alanson and Maria Brainard, who had seven children, one of whom, David L., was one of the six survivors of the Greeley Expedition. He was a native of Norway, N. Y., and she a native of Massachusetts. Alanson was a son of Joshua Brainard, a native of Connecticut, who was a son of Samuel Brainard, an early settler of Newway.

Lyon, Elisha E., Russia, was born July 17, 1826, and is a son of Dr. Benjamin Lyon, who early settled in Oppenheim. About 1812 he came to Russia, where he practiced his profession and superintended a saw-mill. His wife died in Oppenheim and he married, second, Rosina, daughter of Elisha Hall, a native of Connecticut, and a Revolutionary soldier. He came to Russia and settled on the farm the subject now owns. He and two sons, Elisha and John, owned 500 acres of land. He had two sons and three daughters. The sons always resided with their parents. One daughter at present resides at Russia Corners. Dr. Lyon and wife had two sons and two daughters. He was a Whig and died in 1826, and his wife died in 1866. Elisha E. was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In 1857 he married Helen, daughter of Nicholas A. and Nancy Hills, farmers of Herkimer, N. Y., and later of Connecticut. Subject and wife have four children: John, Emma, Cain and Bert, all of whom are living. Mr. Lyon has always been a farmer and now owns 900 acres of land. He is a Republican, a member of the Sons of Temperance, of Russia Grange 680. He and wife are members of the Regular Baptist Church of Russia.

Livingston, J. C., Little Falls, a leading lumber dealer of Herkimer county, is a native of Columbia county, N. Y. He was formerly located in New York city, but eight

years ago came to Little Falls to reside, and built a mill at Stratford back in the timber region of the county. Here he gives employment to a force of men ranging from forty to one hundred in number according to the season. He comes of an old and honorable American family, some of his ancestors participating in the Revolutionary War, while Senator John Livingston, ambassador to France under President Taylor, was his grand-uncle. His ancestors had a large grant of land on the Hudson and one of them was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He lives on Garden street in the old residence of Judge Benton.

Lally, Patrick, Little Falls, was born in Ireland March 10, 1837. He came to this country in May, 1855, and located at the Brockett's Bridge, now Dolgeville. After remaining here three years, Mr. Lally made a few changes and eventually located in Salisbury upon 280 acres of dairy land which he purchased. This farm he kept for five years, then sold. He continued to engage in farming in Salisbury and Manheim for several years. About four years ago he moved into Little Falls. In February, 1892, he was elected commissioner of highways upon the Democrat ticket. Mr. Lally married Mary Lally, and they have five children, as follows: John, James, Edward, Daniel and William.

Lydden, Rev. A. P., Little Falls, was born in Ireland May 16, 1842, and studied at Castle Bar and St. Jarlath's College. In 1868 he was ordained priest for foreign missions, and was adopted by Cardinal McCloskey. His first church work was acting as assistant pastor in Little Falls for seven months. He then took charge of Mohawk, Herkimer, Ilion and Frankfort for a time, when he was sent to Hamilton where he remained eleven years and three months and built two churches and a parochial school and a fine cemetery. He came to Little Falls twelve years ago and has accomplished wonders for the Catholic cause there. He has paid off a debt of \$51,000 with interest of \$15,000 and has built a school costing \$15,000 and a deanery that will cost \$18,000 when completed.

Leahy, Dan M., Little Falls, is a native of Manheim, and is a moulder by trade, but has not followed this occupation for several years. He worked at it for ten years. He went into the saloon business and is still interested in the business conducted by his brother, John Leahy. He also is interested in real estate and has been for the past ten years. He has been prominently connected with the Hancock street property in Little Falls. Mr. Leahy was appointed port warden by Governor Flower July 20, 1892. He is a prominent and active Democrat in this county and is a charter member of the Elks, the Erena Chemical Co., etc.

Longshore, Miles, M. D., Russia, born in Depeyster, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., September 3, 1847. He is a son of David Longshore, a native of Canajoharie, Montgomery county, N. Y. His father was Solomon Longshore, who came from Germany and settled in Buckland county, Pa., and later in life moved to Canajoharie, Montgomery county, N. Y., where he lived and died. He was a blacksmith by trade. In 1823 he married Margaret House, a native of Canajoharie, N. Y. She was born June 6, 1804, and bore him seven sons and five daughters. In later life Mr. Longshore became

a farmer, and in 1837 he went to Depeyster, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and settled on a farm, where he lived until 1864, when he went to Canton, of the same county, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a justice of the peace, and supervisor of the town. He was a Free Mason and one of the oldest in St. Lawrence county. He died June 25, 1886, and his wife February 22, 1892. Dr. Longshore was reared on a farm, was educated in the common schools, and in Canton Academy, from which he graduated. He afterwards spent one year in St. Lawrence University. He studied medicine in the Albany Medical College, and afterwards in the Burlington University, from which he graduated in 1879. The same year he came to Cold Brook, where he has since been very successful in the practice of his profession. June 24, 1879, he married Mary B. Lovell, a native of Canton, N. Y. Her parents were Joseph and Samantha Lovell, natives of Utica. The father of Joseph Lovell was Horatio Lovell, a very early settler of Canton, N. Y. His wife was Fannie Makensie, by whom he had five children. The doctor and wife have one daughter, Florence, born March 31, 1880.

Luther, Ira, Norway, was born in Norway, October 5, 1858. His father is Almond Luther, son of Simeon Luther. The latter was a native of Salisbury, and there lived and died. Almond Luther is a native of Salisbury, born in 1815. His wife was Catharine Tompkins, of Norway, and to them were born four sons and four daughters, six of whom are living. Mr. Luther is a farmer, and has spent most of his life in Norway. He attends and supports the M. E. Church. The subject was reared on a farm, and educated in the common schools. He is a farmer and a Democrat.

Lansing, Edward Ten Eyck, Little Falls, was born in Manheim. He received his rudimentary education at the Little Falls Academy, and graduated from Union College with the degree of B. A. in 1881. He took a scientific course, and has followed civil engineering and surveying since his graduation. He has been engaged upon very important work, such as the Mohawk & Rietfield Springs Railroad, Little Falls & Dolgeville Railroad, and many others. He is municipal engineer here also. Mr. Lansing is justice of the peace, having been elected to the office in 1882. He is identified with various local social and benevolent institutions. He is a member of the New England Water Works Association and Sigma Phi.

Loomis, B. G., German Flats, is a native of Paine's Hollow, and clerked for some years before embarking in his present grocery enterprise in 1890. He is a young man, belongs to the Masons, Knights of Birmingham, and the A. O. U. W. He is also treasurer of the village of Ilion. His father, Chester Loomis, is a farmer.

Lotridge, Marlet, Little Falls, is one of the substantial young farmers of Little Falls. His father was William L. Lotridge, and was a successful and wealthy man. He died July 2, 1892. They own 212 acres of land, used for dairy purposes. His sister is Mrs. H. M. P. Uhlee, of Herkimer. His mother died in 1862. The family is an old and historic one, his grandfather on his mother's side having participated in the Revolution, and his father's father having been a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Lotridge is an adherent of the Universalist Church, a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a Democrat. He has also been commissioner of highways.

Leary, Patrick, Little Falls, was born in Ireland in 1853. He came to this country when a youth, and six years ago, in February, established a liquor business in Little Falls, which has been a financial success. He married Mary Marion, and they have two children living. Mr. Leary is identified with the Hibernians, etc.

Lints, W. E., Schuyler, is one of the young, enterprising and successful farmers in Schuyler. He was born January 11, 1861. His father, William H. Lints, was born in Schuyler, December 25, 1832. Mr. Lints owns 138 acres of land, used for dairying, raising also grass and grain. In 1863 Mr. Lints married Dora Robbins, and they have one daughter, Gertie May Lints. Mr. Lints's grandfather was Peter Lints, one of the early settlers of this section.

Lints, Simon, Schuyler, was born in Schuyler, April 19, 1832. He conducts a butter and dairy farm. His father was Jacob Lints, and his grandfather Peter Lints, who took part in the Revolutionary war. The family is descended from the old Mohawk Dutch. June 20, 1855, he married Mary Youngs. Mr. Lints is a Democrat, and a representative of one of the oldest and most honorable names in the county.

Ladd, J. B., was born on the farm where he now resides in Schuyler, August 13, 1821. He owns 150 acres of fine farm land. In 1846 he married Harriet Richardson, and they have four sons and two daughters. Two of his sons are teachers, one in Iowa and one in Schuyler. One of his daughters, Mrs. Emma Buchannan, is also a teacher. Mr. Ladd has been school superintendent, town clerk, and was also supervisor of the town for the years 1858, 1871-2. His father was Elisha Ladd, who came from Rhode Island.

Leach, Adelbert Aaron, Winfield, was born on the old homestead, on part of which he now lives, May 10, 1849. He has a grain and dairy farm of about 135 acres, which is one of the representative farms of the town. He was the third son of Jacob Leach, who was born on the same farm and in the same house, and he was a son of D. Jacob Leach, who came from Massachusetts and settled very early. Aaron Adelbert Leach married Ellen H. Brace September 28, 1875, and they have two children: Seward A. and Lena A., both living at home and attending the West Winfield Union School and Academy. Mrs. Ellen H. Leach is a daughter of Deacon Henry L. and Pamela (Holmes) Brace. Her father was a son of Captain Asabel Brace, who was a son of Deacon Abel Brace, who came here in 1793.

Lathrop, Charles M., Stark, was born in Plainfield, N. Y., December 22, 1840, a son of Anderson and Marinda (Keller) Lathrop. The grandfather, Ariel, was a son of Jedediah, who was a pioneer of Stark and settled on the farm where Charles M. resides. He had two children, Arial and Dyer. Arial came to Stark with his father, and resided on the farm until his death. He raised six children: James, Daniel, Addison, Mahetabelle, Almira and Mariah. Addison was born in Stark and died in 1883, aged seventy-two; his widow survives him aged eighty. They had two children: Charles M. and Stanton D., deceased. Charles M. received a good education and resides at home with his parents. He married, January 31, 1862, Valence Potter, born in Herkimer county, daughter of Erastus and Jane Potter. They have three children: Anderson E., Hattie

E. and Mabel A. His wife is a Universalist. Mr. Lathrop is an active Democrat, and his mother is the cousin of the wife of Senator Stanford of California.

Morey, George C., M. D., Russia, was born in Eaton, Madison county, July 18, 1843. His father was Dexter A., a son of George Morey, a native of Connecticut and of Scotch descent, who married Electa Morey, by whom he had nine children. Mr. Morey and family came to Madison county and here he and his wife lived and died. Dexter A. was born May 7, 1818. He married Annie Meyer, a native of Steuben, Oneida county, by whom he had a son and a daughter. In 1846 Mr. Morey went to Steuben and there lived and died. He was a Whig and voted for William Henry Harrison and also for his grandson, Benjamin Harrison. He died May 9, 1892, and his wife is still living in Oneida county. George C. was reared on a farm and received a common school education, supplemented by several terms in an academy at Rome, N. Y. At the age of eighteen he began studying medicine with Dr. Alfred Gillette of Steuben. One year previous he taught school and followed that during winter for several years. August, 1862, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Seventeenth New York Volunteer Infantry and was discharged in 1863. He then returned to the study of medicine, graduating from Vermont Medical College in 1865. He began practice in Grant and has since been very successful. In 1885 he married Lelia Vincent, a native of Cold Brook, a daughter of William and Jane Vincent. By a previous marriage Dr. Morey had two sons and one daughter. He is a Republican, a member of E. A. U., No. 327, of Grant, and G. A. R. Post Thomas, No. 39.

Mullen, Joseph, Little Falls, was born in Utica, N. Y. He commenced business in Little Falls, on Bridge street, in the old Iron Clad Clothing Store, in August, 1868. In 1883 he opened a store on Main street and built the Metropolitan Hotel and stores. In 1888 he built the Metropolitan Hotel in Utica, and since then has had branch stores in Albany, Troy, Syracuse, Watertown and all the principal cities of the State, having as high as eighteen stores running at a time. Mr. Mullen has also large interests in Jersey City, and New York. He is emphatically a self-made man, the architect of his own fortune and a man of great perception and executive abilities.

Moon, Clinton Abner, Newport, was born in the town of Russia, November 8, 1827, the oldest son of Abner and Emily (Millington) Moon, the latter a native of Russia, and a daughter of Jonathan and Susannah Millington, who were members and active workers in the Methodist church. Our subject attended school and prepared for college at Fairfield. He graduated from Union College at Schenectady, class of 1853. He then taught several terms and studied law in Newport with John A. Wooster. He married Frances M., daughter of Christopher Hawkins. Their two children are Jessie, wife of Frederick Holton, and Annie. Mrs. Moon died May 28, 1890, and he married second Harriet F. Gray of Rome, N. Y., a daughter of Col. Timothy Harvey Ferris and Eliza (Salisbury) Ferris, who were residents of Prospect, Oneida county, N. Y. Mr. Moon died May 11, 1892. He was a Universalist, and a Republican in politics. During the late war he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment, Company C, and was captain of his company, but received an honorable discharge on ac-

count of poor health. He held numerous offices in his town, including that of district attorney and supervisor.

Moon, Erastus, Russia, is a native of Russia, born February 14, 1835, a son of Jefferson and Martha Moon, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was reared in Cold Brook, and educated in the public schools. In 1861 he married Catharine Hilton, a native of Ephratah, N. Y., and a daughter of Joseph and Betsey (Allen) Hilton, of Luzerne, N. Y., where Mr. Hilton was born. Mrs. Hilton was born in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Hilton was an early settler of Fulton county, where he lived for many years. They had two sons and eleven daughters. Mrs. Hilton died in Ephratah, and for the last thirty years Mr. Hilton has resided with his daughter at Cold Brook. Two sons have been born to Mr. Moon and wife, William J. and Samuel E., who during the last three years have been engaged in the grocery business at Cold Brook, the firm being known as Moon Bros. Mr. Moon has always been a Republican.

Mark, Morris, Herkimer, was born in Germany and came to this country before the late war. After clerking for about a year in New York city he joined the French Regiment as private, which was organized in the city then and was sent immediately to the seat of war. This regiment was cut to pieces and the few survivors were transferred to the United States Regular Army, Light Battery Division (or Flying Artillery). During his service here he participated in forty-two actual battles. After the war he went to Amsterdam, N. Y. He engaged in mercantile pursuits and established a small hoop-skirt factory. In 1872 he moved to Herkimer on account of water power and in connection with the hoop-skirt factory started a small knitting mill. Business has grown to large proportions and now employs 327 hands and supplies the wholesale trade through jobbers. The business is now a joint stock concern, of which Mr. Marks is president. He married Miss Annie Sannet of Saratoga and has four children.

Mabbett, John J., Herkimer, was born in Oneida county, September 8, 1838. He was educated in the schools of this vicinity and Winfield Academy. After this he went to New York city and established a commission business on Forty-fourth street and Eighth avenue. After conducting this for nine years he moved to Mohawk, N. Y., and purchased the Mohawk House, which he conducted for twenty-three years. In 1884 he purchased the brick yards of Edward Hale, which he still conducts, giving employment to twenty men and several teams. Mr. Mabbett's ancestry located at Mabbettville, Dutchess county, early in the seventeenth century, which locality received its name from his grandfather, who was chief justice of the Supreme Court of New York State. Mr. Mabbett's father was a prominent merchant of this county. J. J. Mabbett married Miss Elizabeth McChesney, by whom he has five children living, three boys and two girls. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, etc., and a staunch Republican in politics.

McDougal, Richard, Dolgeville, was born in Montgomery county, now Fulton county, July 3, 1829. He was brought up on a farm and worked thereon until in his eighteenth year, when he was apprenticed to the cabinet trade. After completing this trade and working at it for a few years, he commenced to do stove pattern-making, at



which he remained successfully for twenty-five years. About two years ago he started his present furniture and undertaking establishment in Dolgeville. Mr. McDougal is of Scotch descent, his great-grandfather settled in Fulton county early in the seventeenth century. His father also lived and died here, and is buried in Stratford. His ancestors participated in the war of 1812. Mr. McDougal is identified with local social and benevolent institutions.

Maeyer, Father I. H. W., Salisbury, is a native of Holland. He was educated in that country under the Jesuit Fathers, in Latin, Greek, and French. After spending seven years with these branches, he studied philosophy three years and theology six years. He then came to America and was ordained in 1853 by Bishop McCloskey, at Albany, N. Y. He was stationed at St. Mary's, Troy, N. Y., for two years, after which he was at Utica four years. Then under Bishop McFarland at Catskill for some time. Father Maeyer's health becoming much impaired, he returned to Holland, where he remained until 1870. He then returned to this country, and has been stationed at Salisbury Corners since that period.

McWenig, William, Little Falls, was born in Whitesboro, Oneida county, in 1857. He received a good education in the schools of this place and about five years ago took charge of the Beattie House at Little Falls, which he has since conducted with success. Mr. McWenig married Emma Fenner, and has three children, two sons and a daughter. He is a member of the K. of H., Red Men, etc. He is identified with the local social, political and benevolent organizations of the town. In politics he is a Democrat.

McLean, Simpson, Salisbury, was born in Ireland, March 1, 1845. His father, John C. McLean, came to this country when Simpson was a child. They settled first in Philadelphia, where the elder McLean followed the occupation of weaving. After three years they moved into Fairfield and took up land. Our subject was educated in the schools of the vicinity, and afterwards traveled for fifteen years for a well-known patent medicine house. About ten years ago he started a general store in Devereaux, which he has since successfully conducted. In 1861 Mr. McLean enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteers and served three years, participating in nineteen battles. He was discharged at Atlanta, Ga. He was severely wounded three times. Mr. McLean married Elizabeth Smith, by whom he had one son, Nathan, now an engineer. Some time after his first wife's death our subject married Fanny Case, and they have had three children. Mr. McLean is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Salisbury Center. He owns the town hall, his store, and meat market, besides dwellings and lots in Devereaux.

Murphy, James A., Newport, was born in Fairfield, May 10, 1857. He is a son of Cornelius, who was a son of Cornelius and Margaret Murphy, natives of Ireland, who came to America in 1852. Cornelius, jr., was married in Fairfield, N. Y., to Mary Foran, a native of Ireland, by whom he had six children. Mr. Murphy purchased the Coe farm in Norway, and there resided twenty-six years. Mrs. Murphy died in 1865, and Mr. Murphy's second wife, Mary Butler, died in 1890. He is a Democrat.



has been highway commissioner and inspector of elections. He now resides with his son, James A. The latter was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He is a farmer by occupation. In 1884 he married Mary Maxwell, a native of Newport, who was born September 25, 1867, a daughter of James and Mary Maxwell, natives of Ireland, who came to America about 1862. Mr. Murphy is a Democrat and has held the offices of commissioner of highways and inspector of elections. He and wife are Catholics.

Merry, Seward, German Flats, was born in Mohawk, January 7, 1846, and from 1860 to 1864 was a clerk in the post-office. He was subsequently American Express agent for twenty-three years. He went into the grocery business with his father when twenty-eight years of age, a business which he still continues. He was president of the Republican Club of Ilion for some time and is a Knight Templar in the Masonic order. In 1872 he married Miss Mary C. Myers, and they have three children, Flora R., Margaret L., and Lawrence L.

Morey, L. A., Newport, was born in Fairfield, N. Y., November 14, 1845, a son of William E., who was one of twelve children of David and Annie (Parkhurst) Morey, natives respectively of Stephentown and Fairfield, N. Y. In 1793 Mr. Morey settled on a farm in Fairfield, and became an extensive land-owner. He died in 1860. William E. Morey was born in Fairfield, N. Y., May 4, 1817. He married Eliza, daughter of Low Carpenter, of Norway. The children of William E. Morey are: L. A., and Emogene F. The latter married C. G. Verney, who resides in Norway. In 1852 Mr. Morey purchased the farm where his son now resides, and here spent the remainder of his days. He was a Republican, and was assessor and excise commissioner. He was a member of Newport Lodge No. 455, F. & A. M., and died January 20, 1892. His wife resides with her daughter. L. A. Morey was educated in the Fairfield Seminary, and in Eastman's Business College, graduating from the latter in 1867. In 1868 he married Maria H., daughter of Henry D. and Clarissa A. Parkhurst, the former of Fairfield, and the latter of Norway. Mrs. Morey was born March 21, 1849, a native of Fairfield. Their children are: Fannie B., Will H., Anna B., and Clara E. Mr. Morey is a Republican, and a member of Newport Lodge No. 455, F. & A. M.

Morey, Milo, Newport, was born in Fairfield, N. Y., August 7, 1847, a son of David H., who was a son of David Morey. David H. Morey was born in Fairfield, October 27, 1812, and on September 8, 1813, he married Elsie Buchanan, born October 10, 1813, a native of Little Falls. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Churchill) Buchanan, who reared eleven children. Thomas Buchanan was a native of Little Britain, N. Y., and when six years of age came to Little Falls with his parents. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Morey are, Newel, Mary, Milo, and Annie. Mr. Morey was a farmer. In 1859 he came to Newport, but died the same year on December 10th. He was a Whig, afterwards a Republican, and held minor offices in the town. Milo Morey was educated in the common schools, in Fairfield Academy, and in the Clinton Liberal Institute. He is a farmer, and for the past thirty years has resided on the farm which he now owns. On the 21st of May, 1873, he married Kittie Averill, a native of Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, born March 28, 1856. She is a daughter of Theodore

and Catherine Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Morey have had two children, Grove and Belle. He is a Republican, and has been assessor five years, and a member of the school board eleven years. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, of Newport, No. 596.

Mang, Geo. L., Dolgeville, was born in Herkimer, January 22, 1865. He received a good education in the schools of Dolgeville and Salisbury, and on October 6, 1886, established his present grocery and drug establishment. Geo. L. Mang is one of a family of twelve children. His father is a man of sterling worth, and one of his brothers is engaged in business next door to Geo. L.'s establishment. His wife was Bertha Delamater, a daughter of Jerome Delamater. Mr. Mang is a member of the Masonic brotherhood, R. A., etc.

Morey, Newell, Newport, was born in Fairfield, October 5, 1836, a son of David H. and Elsie A. (Buchanan) Morey. David was a son of David and Mary (Parkhurst) Morey, who came originally from Rhode Island. David H. was born in Fairfield, and his wife's father was a soldier in the war of 1812. The family are of the Universalist faith. The subject of this sketch started in at farming and cattle raising at the age of twenty-one years, which business he has followed since. He built the first cheese factory in the town, called the Babcock Factory. He is also interested in the firm of Morey & Kimball (meat market and merchandise). He was elected sheriff of Herkimer county from January 1, 1889, to January 1, 1892, and during that time resided in Herkimer. He owns a farm of 280 acres. He married, March 11, 1857, Mary H., daughter of George K. and Delia (Kniffen) Hawkins, of the town of Newport.

More, Miles, Russia, was born in Russia, August 8, 1839, a son of Orson and Thirza More. He was educated in the common schools, supplemented by several terms in the Fairfield and Fulton Academies. He married, in 1864, Sarah Beecher, a native of Russia, and the only daughter of Isaac Beecher. Mr. Beecher was born in Russia, in 1810, a son of Almond and Elizabeth Beecher, who were among the first settlers of the town. They came from Connecticut about 1805, and had three sons and one daughter. Mr. Beecher was a Whig, and for many years he was overseer of the poor. February 22, 1835, he married Orlina, daughter of Elisha Smith, of Russia. She died October 12, 1878, and Mr. Beecher is still living on the old homestead. For some time Mr. More studied music in Rome, N. Y., under Prof. A. N. Johnson, of Boston, and for sixteen years he taught music in Herkimer county. He afterwards engaged in farming and in the manufacture of cheese, and for a number of years has bought and sold cheese. He is a Republican, and he and family are members of the Regular Baptist Church of Russia.

Moyer, Peter, Stark, was born where he now resides, in Stark, September 4, 1816, a son of Jacob S. and Elizabeth (Moyer) Moyer. The grandfather, Solomon Moyer, settled in Minden, Montgomery county, prior to the Revolution, where he died during that war. He had four children: Andrew, Solomon S., Jacob S., and Nancy, all of whom raised families, and lived to old age. Jacob S. was born December 18, 1781, in Minden, Montgomery county, and served in the war of 1812. He was also at Sackett's

Harbor. He served in various town offices as a Democrat. He was a leading Mason. He married in 1805, and immediately afterwards settled on 170 acres in the town of Stark. He died June 30, 1871, aged eighty-eight years; and his wife, (born December 23, 1782), June 30, 1861, aged seventy-seven. They had ten children, raising eight: Nancy, Katie, David I., Solomon W. (a twin), Betsy, Peter, Ann Eliza, and Lucinda. Peter Moyer received a common school education, and at the age of twenty-eight leased the homestead, which he worked until his father's death. He bought the homestead and paid off the heirs. He has since bought three other farms, two in Stark and one in Little Falls, comprising 368 acres. He has served two terms as supervisor on the Democratic ticket, is a Granger, and a member of the Universalist Church.

Morse, Alex L., Dolgeville, was born in Jefferson county, N. Y., October 12, 1832. After receiving a good education he learned the trade of saddlery and harness making before his twentieth year, after which he worked as a furrier for a number of years, finally establishing an enterprise in Boston, which he conducted for fifteen years, and where he married Miss Ruth McClean. In the spring of 1865 he went to the oil country and established himself in his line, but eventually branched out into the oil business, in which he was signally successful, amassing a fortune of over \$65,000, but which, unfortunately, through misfortune in the business, he lost. After again succeeding in a limited degree through contracting, he again dropped his savings in oil, and four years ago came to Dolgeville and inaugurated a business in his old line of harness and horse supplies. Mr. Morse has two children, both girls.

Mang, Frank S., Dolgeville, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., August 4, 1863. He started to learn the butcher and meat business when seventeen years of age, and when twenty-two years of age, started for himself in this business, and now has the finest establishment engaged in this business in Dolgeville. Mr. Mang enjoys a large and lucrative trade, and is a popular and upright citizen. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of other associations.

Murphy, James B., Salisbury Corners, was born in Salisbury in 1865, July 27. His father, Patrick Murphy, is engaged in agricultural pursuits in this township, owning a fine farm here. James B. is one of eight children. He married Miss Mary Starrs, and they have no children. In July, 1890, he purchased the hotel at Salisbury Corners, which he has since most successfully conducted.

Minott, W. V., Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler, where he lived until recently, and where he still owns his farm. He was born November 25, 1845. His father was Thomas Minott, and his grandfather, A. Wood Minott, was one of the early settlers of this locality, coming from New England. In 1865 Mr. Minott married Sarah M. Lewis, and they have two daughters. November 26, 1863, Mr. Minott enlisted in Company L, Second N. Y. Heavy Artillery, and served to the close of the war, participating in many battles, and being wounded at Petersburg. He was supervisor of Schuyler in 1884 and 1885, and has filled many other important offices.

McGraw, H., Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler, and was born March 13, 1843. He has been a farmer all his life. His father, Hiram McGraw, was also a native of this

town. Mr. McGraw owns fifty-nine acres of land and follows general farming. In 1864 he married Evaline Durst. He is a Democrat in politics, and has lived twenty-seven years on this farm.

Montgomery, E. D., was born in Winfield, Herkimer county, N. Y., and received a good education in the schools of that vicinity. In 1890 he took charge of the Park house, between Mohawk and Herkimer, where he does a regular hotel traffic. He is a pushing and thorough hotel proprietor and is very popular with the traveling public and his house is largely patronized by a large class of the residents of Mohawk and Herkimer, as well as by the general public.

Mann, Daniel, Winfield, has a custom grist-mill and also a saw-mill. He was born in Frey's Bush, Montgomery county, and has worked in a grist-mill since seventeen years of age. He came to West Winfield in 1878, and worked in the grist-mill there, went to Milliner's mills in October, 1885. He came to Chepachet in April, 1891, and bought these mills, which he now operates. He enlisted in the late war, Company M., Second N. Y. Heavy Artillery, under Captain Halstead, but was under Captain Hulser. He enlisted December 26, 1861, at Utica. He was in all engagements of his company until the battle of Cold Harbor, when he was taken sick. His last battle was the charge of Hatcher's Run, December 9, 1864, and he was discharged December 29, 1864. Mr. Mann has never married.

Metzger, Jacob H., Litchfield, was born in Winfield, January 23, 1860, and settled in this town February 6, 1867. He is one of the best farmers of Litchfield. He married Clara Fix, who died April 12, 1891. She was a daughter of Frederick W. and Rate Fix, of Syracuse. Jacob H. Metzger is a son of David and Charlotte Metzger, who have four children: Jacob H., Susan C., Mate and David G. jr., also a half brother, Leonard Kimm. The father, David Metzger, is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to this country about 1857.

Mathews, Chauncey, Litchfield, was born here January 12, 1837. He resigned the office of loan commissioner to accept that of supervisor of Litchfield, which he held for six years. He served as chairman of the board of supervisors during his first term. While acting as supervisor he was nominated for member of Assembly for the Herkimer district and was defeated by Myron A. McKee. He was a son of Samuel Mathews, born in this town October 31, 1802. He died on the same farm where he was born, which was settled by his father, Samuel, a native of North Brookfield, Mass., who settled about 1795 in Cedarville.

Moors, Joseph, Winfield, was born October 13, 1761, and was the first justice of the peace in West Winfield. His father was a soldier in the French War and was at the capture of Louisburg. He was a captain of militia in the Revolution. The news of the Declaration of Independence was received at Fort Mifflin while Captain Moors was there. Isaac L. Moors was born in Winfield, Herkimer county, October 22, 1805, a son of Joseph, who settled in Winfield about 1800, one of the first settlers of that town. Isaac L. married in 1830 Mary Simms, and they have two children living, Dr. Alfred A. and Mrs. M. Delane Walker, widow of Dwight Walker. He lost one daugh-

ter, Ruth, born September 1, 1830, wife of Charles J. Hester, of Memphis, Tenn., who died March 29, 1853.

Morgan, Charles E., Winfield, son of Sewell, was born in West Winfield May 27, 1854, and was educated at West Winfield Academy. He married May 5, 1880, Julia E., daughter of Dr. Nathan and Sophronia Spencer, and they have three children: Clara E., George A. and Mary Adelle. They lost one son, Herbert S. who died March 13, 1892, aged nine years. Mr. Morgan has been in the omnibus freight and express business for the last ten years. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and has been highway commissioner of this town for five years. Sewell S. Morgan, who was an attorney, died January 19, 1885, aged fifty-seven. He was born in Litchfield December 12, 1827, and moved with his parents to Winfield, at the age of two years. He received his education at the common and select schools of West Winfield. His mother died when he was eight years old, and he then commenced life for himself. He began teaching school at the old Hemlock School House at North Winfield when fourteen years old. At the age of twelve he began reading law, borrowing books from Hamilton Burdick. He commenced the practice of law in the justice's court at fifteen years of age and at eighteen in the county court before Judge Ezra Graves. He was admitted to the bar of this State at the age of twenty-one and in the United States Court at twenty-eight. Mr. Morgan married Julia A., daughter of Anson P. Fairchild, one of the first settlers of this town. Mr. Morgan had five children, three of whom survive: Mina M. Palmer, Charles E. Morgan and Lina E. Jones. Two have died: George A. and Fred J., both attorneys at law. Mr. Morgan was a radical temperance man, and during 1878 he spoke 117 times for the cause. He was postmaster of West Winfield eight years, supervisor seven years and district attorney three years. He was president of the board of education of West Winfield for many years, and was a prominent Mason and member of Winfield Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 581, in which he was past master.

Mason, Amos T., Warren, was born in Warren May 27, 1870, a son of Joseph W. and Harriet (Tisdale) Mason. Amos T. received a district and academic education at Ilion and Mohawk. He married May 21, 1889, Florence E., daughter of William and Lydia (McDonald) Hardy, and they had two children, Maria L. and Josie. Mr. Mason is a Democrat in politics. He lived a year in Richfield Springs, running a livery, and was also a dealer in stock. After farming for a year in Mohawk he located where he now resides in the spring of 1891. His farm is composed of 130 acres, and he also owns one of eighty-six acres.

McCredy, David W., Warren, was born where he resides April 14, 1823, son of David and Welthy (Merry) McCredy. The grandfather was a son of Robert, who came from Scotland to America prior to the Revolution on the Hudson, where he died. Subject's grandfather was born in Scotland, and died December 18, 1842, aged seventy-seven, and was twice married. His first wife bore him one son; his second wife, Mariam Earl, bore him one son and ten girls. Subject's father was born in Warren January 20, 1799, and died January 30, 1890. He served as deputy sheriff, lived in Stark six years, when he returned in 1843. He owned 150 acres, his father's homestead. He was a Demo-

crat. His wife died in June, 1881. Subject and wife had these children: David W., Mary V., Thurlow W., Charles W. and George S. Subject was born where he lives, and has resided here all his life, except twelve years. He received a limited education, and lived and cared for his parents on the old homestead.

Newth, Walter S., Litchfield, owns a grain, dairy and fruit farm of 100 acres, and is one of the representative farmers of the town. He was born on his present farm June 13, 1848, and married Clara P., daughter of Roderick H. Smith, a native of Frankfort, and a son of Asel Smith, who came from Connecticut. Walter S. is a son of John Newth, a native of England, who settled on this farm in 1837. He died September 8, 1881. Walter S. and Clara P. Newth have one son, Fred H., who lives at home.

Neely, Reuben, Fairfield, is one of the oldest residents of Fairfield. He was born December 22, 1825, and has lived in this county ever since. He owns 107 acres of land and a herd of thirty cows. His father settled in this place on a farm, which is now the present homestead. Captain Abram Neely of Revolutionary fame was an ancestor of his. In 1864 Mr. Neely married Mary R. E. Thompson, and they have two daughters, both married. Mr. Neely is a Mason and liberal in politics, and has been commissioner of highways and assessor. He is also a member of the Episcopal church.

Nellis, James K., Ohio, was born in Yonker's Bush, Oppenheim, Fulton county, N. Y., May 29, 1848. His father was Christopher Nellis, a native of Palatine township, Montgomery county, N. Y., born 1807. He was reared as a tanner, which was his principal occupation in life. He married Margaret Myres, a native of Stone Arabia, N. Y., a daughter of John Myres, a native of Holland, who, with his parents in an early day, came to America and settled in Montgomery county, N. Y. The mother of John Myres was Elizabeth Myres, who lived to the remarkable age of ninety-three years. Her husband was in the Revolutionary War. Christopher Nellis and wife had thirteen children. He was a Democrat and justice of the peace a number of years. He moved to Salisbury, Herkimer county, in 1852. He died in 1863. His wife is now living at the age of eighty-six years in Little Falls. The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and early in life was a teamster for his father and afterwards worked in the tannery for Story & La Due, of Salisbury Center, N. Y. For three years he traveled and was a rider of running horses. In 1869 he married Sarah A. Moon, a daughter of Dr. Moon, of Dolgeville, N. Y. Mr. Nellis and wife have four children: James P., John E., Maria and Mattie E. In 1882 Mr. Nellis came to Ohio, where he has since been successful in the mercantile business. He carries boots and shoes, dry goods, groceries and drugs. He is a Democrat and has been constable in Ohio three years, and was postmaster in 1871, 1872, 1873 and 1874. Mr. Nellis attends and supports the M. E. church.

Odit, Augustus, Russia, was born in Switzerland, March 29, 1846, a son of Augustus, who was a son of Franklin Odit, a native of Switzerland, who had two sons and four daughters. He died in Switzerland. Augustus Odit was born in Switzerland in 1812. He married Josephine, a daughter of Nicholas and Mary L. Flory, of Switzerland, and they had two sons and three daughters. In 1854 Mr. Flory and wife and Mr. Odit

and family came to America. Mr. Floray died in 1871 and his wife in 1889. Augustus Odit was eight years old when he came with his parents to the United States. He has always followed lumbering. In 1877 he married Nellie B. Bullock, a native of Norway, born 1854, and a daughter of Ira Bullock, born in 1813, who had seven children. During the last six years Mr. Odit has been engaged in the general mercantile business at Northwood, N. Y. He is a Democrat and has been postmaster for the last six years.

Owen, B. J., Frankfort, one of three children of Hugh and Winnie (Charles) Owen of Frankfort, was born in Newport October 16, 1868. Hugh, the father, was born in Wales. He came to this country in early life and settled in Frankfort about 1874. He was a butcher and shipper of cattle for several years, when he bought the fine farm where his family now lives and developed it into a fine dairy farm. He died July 27, 1892, and his son, B. J. Owen is developing the enterprise. They have a herd of from eighty to one hundred cows and are engaged in butter-making and supplying several milk routes. Mr. Owen employs seven men the year round. The buildings are extensive and supplied with modern improvements, among which are ten silos which have an average capacity of 100 tons each, and steam power for handling the contents.

Oyer, O. W., Schuyler, is one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of Schuyler. He was born December 28, 1859. His father was Daniel Oyer, who died April 28, 1883. In 1882 Mr. Oyer married Annie Weldon, and they have a son and a daughter. Mr. Oyer owns a farm of 158 acres, a cheese-factory and a saw-mill.

Ostrander, Smith, Herkimer, was born in Danube December 5, 1851. He was educated in the Little Falls Academy and Fort Plain Seminary, after which he taught school for two years. After this he was engaged with E. Butterick & Company of New York city, and also upon the Herkimer St. R. R. as conductor. His health failing he was compelled to return to the farm. After a few years he engaged with Morris Mark, and in 1887 formed a joint stock company for the manufacture of knit goods. This corporation is the Mohawk Valley Knitting Company, which since that period has grown to large proportions. Later another stock company was formed, another management offered him. In both these concerns he is a large stock holder and superintendent. He now devotes half his time to each corporation and has made both a decided success. Mr. Ostrander is a son of John Ostrander, of Ostrander's Corners. He married Miss Emma C. Dayger of Herkimer, in 1878. They have no family.

Palmer, Nathan, Warren, was born April 22, 1838, in Richfield, Otsego county, a son of Nathan and Mary (Ames) Palmer. The grandfather, Benjamin E., came from Connecticut in colonial days and settled in Richfield. His wife was a Miss Layton, by whom he had nine children: Nathan, Esquire, Layton, Alonzo, Harriet, Mary, Esther, Lucy and Emily. Nathan was born in Richfield in 1798, and married Mary, daughter of Abner Ames. He was in the war of 1812 as a sutler. He served as supervisor for many years, was a Whig and died in 1854. His wife died in 1878, aged eighty-one. They had eleven sons, and raised seven: Benjamin, George, Otis, Alonzo, Menzo, Nathan and Delos. Nathan Palmer received a common school education and at nine-



teen began for himself. At twenty he bought 162 acres in Richfield, where he lived five years, then sold and lived three years on another farm. In 1859 he bought 162 acres in Columbia, which he sold three years later, and located on another farm. He was one year in Richfield Springs in the grocery business. In 1874 he bought and located on seventy-five acres, where he now resides, in Warren. He has served as justice and is an active Democrat. Mr. Palmer married, December 25, 1856, Margaret Sternberg, born one mile east of Richfield Springs, a daughter of James and Eve (Shaver) Sternberg. The grandfather, Marquis Sternberg, came from Dutchess county to Warren. He was a public-spirited citizen and gave the land where the present M. E. church stands in Richfield. His wife was Nancy Maby, who bore him these children: David, Lambert, James D., Sarah, Catherine, Christina, Polly and Betsey. James Sternberg was born and lived in Warren, and died, December 29, 1887, aged eighty-three, in Schoharie. His wife died January 26, 1887, aged eighty. They had four children: Marcus, Sarah A. Browman, Margaret and Alonzo W., who enlisted and served in the navy during the war, and died at Pensacola, Fla. Nathan Palmer and wife have one child, Curtis B., a farmer. The family are Universalists.

Palmer, Luther M., Winfield, was born on the farm where he now lives, July 26, 1853. He married Ida A., daughter of Julius A. Morgan, of Winfield. They have five children: Willie E., George W., Bertha E., Mary C., Harry L. Luther M. Palmer is a son of Walter, a son of Vose Palmer, who came from Connecticut, and settled here in an early day.

Prior, Louis R., Litchfield, lives on what is known as the Crosby farm, 125 acres of dairy and grain land. He was born in the brick house on the farm adjoining this, November 14, 1867, and married Minnie C. Fish, August 27, 1890. They have one daughter, Veta Estelle. Mrs. Prior was born October 1, 1866, and is a daughter of Samuel Fish, of Frankfort, where he now lives, and he was a son of Elias Fish, one of the first settlers in the Gulf, which was named after him and called Fish's Gulf. Philo Prior owns a farm of 147 acres, devoted to dairying and grain. It is very productive and has excellent buildings. The house was built by Samuel Rider, one of the first settlers of the town. Philo Prior married Caroline E., daughter of Wakeman Rider, and he was a son of Samuel Rider, the first settler on this farm, and one of the first of the town. Philo Prior was born in Oneida county, November 26, 1839, a son of Lyman, who was a son of Daniel Prior, one of the first settlers of Oneida county. Philo and Caroline E. Prior have two children: Xenia V. Goodier and Louis R., both residents of this town. When Daniel Prior came from Connecticut there was but one house in what is now Utica.

Putman, John, Litchfield, is a farmer owning a farm of about 200 acres, which was settled by his father Jacob Putman, in 1837. The latter was a native of this county, and he came from a farm near Cedarville, where he was one of the first settlers. He was a son of Isaac Putman, one of the first settlers at Mohawk. John Putman was born on the farm where he now lives, June 24, 1837. His father, Jacob Putman, was drafted into the army in the war of 1812, stationed at Sackett's Harbor, and he was one of the soldiers who drew 160 acres. John Putman married Ada J., a daughter of



Daniel Wilcox, of this town. She had eight children: Samuel, Milla, Alida, Lucy, Anna B., Kate J., John J. and Philena, all living.

Palmer, Nathaniel Budlong, Litchfield, is a farmer and cheese manufacturer, and owns the Cold Springs cheese factory; the same building in which he commenced making cheese, was built for and used as a chair factory. It was used as a cheese factory by Chester Northrup, who was succeeded by a stock company of the farmers. They sold out to James Ashpole, and he sold to the present owner, N. B. Palmer, who has owned it up to the present time. He owns a dairy and grain farm of ninety-five acres, formerly owned and occupied by Erastus Miller. It is a very productive and well managed farm. N. B. Palmer was born May 30, 1843, in this town. He married Harriet Smith, and they have two children: Lena M. and Earl N. They have lost one son, Benjamin R., who died October 27, 1876, aged two years and six months. N. B. Palmer is a son of Solon L. He was a son of Leonard Palmer, all of this town.

Phillips, V. O., Fairfield, is a native of Fairfield. His father was Vernon Phillips and his grandfather Roland P. Phillips, both of this town. Roland P. came from Rhode Island. V. O. Phillips owns a large farm of 210 acres and a smaller one of eighteen acres, on which he lives. He is one of the large dairy farmers of Fairfield. In 1865 he married Amy R. Harris. He is a Republican and a leading man in his party. He is fifty-four years of age, and is a member of the Grange at Middleville. His mother is still living at the age of ninety years.

Perrine, A., Little Falls, is a native of Little Falls, and one of the most enterprising men of the village. He first learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for twelve years. He then took up painting and has been twenty years in this line of business. He does the major part of the painting in the village and employs about ten men. He is a member of the A. O. U. W., the Iron Hall and the People's Benefit Association. In politics he is a Republican, and is an adherent of the Presbyterian church. He married Nettie A. Schuyler, December 22, 1869, and they have three children, two daughters and one son. The latter is a book-keeper in the MacKinnon Mills. Mr. Perrine was one of the prime movers in the projection of the Dolgeville railroad, and is interested in the development of the fine ore beds in this county, owning a large farm besides these beds.

Pike, J. W., proprietor of the Pike Knitting Machine Company, Little Falls, is a native of Vermont. After a preliminary education and a course in a polytechnic school, he traveled on the road as salesman in the canned goods line for some time. Abandoning this he went to Philadelphia and engaged in the manufacture of machinery for knit goods, etc. This was about eleven years ago. In 1887 he came to Little Falls and established his present enterprise, which is the manufacture of Pike's patent latch needle, knitting machines, hosiery winders and general mill machinery. Mr. Pike is an expert in his business, and goes out and sets up his own machines. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Elks, the Commercial Travelers' Association, etc. His father also was a manufacture and had works at Chelmsford, Mass. The Pike Knitting Machine Company employs thirty-eight hands, and turns out standard machines in every case.

Pfhals, Chris. J., Frankfort, was born in Utica, February 15, 1850. He was a son of Christian and Louisa (Hornung) Pfhals, of Utica. He learned the trade of carpenter when young, working at his trade in Ilion for several years and at the Remington Agricultural Works two years. He came to Frankfort in 1881 and worked at his trade and ran livery business until 1885, when he became owner of the bus route to the West Shore and Central depots, also express delivery and mail carrying, which he still continues. He married, in 1881, Marion M. Watson, one of six children of Oliver W. and Lucinda (Casler) Watson, both of Frankfort. Robert Watson, the grandfather, was a native of Massachusetts, and came to Frankfort in the winter of 1777.

Prescott, C. W., Herkimer, is a native of Mohawk and was educated in the Clinton Liberal Institute, now Fort Plain. He then entered his father's office to study law, but never sought for admission to the bar. His father, Amos H. Prescott, was a leading man, and county judge for sixteen years. Mr. C. W. Prescott has, for many years, done considerable newspaper work and still keeps up his connection in that way. He is a prominent justice of the peace in Herkimer and much of his time is devoted to the duties of his office. He is a member of the Fort Dayton Hose Company, the Fort Dayton Council of United Friends, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. He is a Republican.

Pelton, Justin B., German Flats, was born in Litchfield, September 12, 1836, and remained on his father's farm till twenty-four years of age. He then came to Ilion and started in the hardware business, which he has since conducted with great success. Mr. Pelton married Julia E., daughter of Julius C. Warren, in 1861, and they have a family of four children: Gilbert Brace, May L., Sarah L. and Jessie L. Mr. J. C. Warren was, for many years, justice of the peace in Litchfield, and Mr. Pelton has held that office in Ilion for eight years. He has also been trustee of the village, and was supervisor of the town in 1872. He is a Mason and one of the most highly esteemed citizens in Ilion. His father was Brace Pelton and his grandfather, Seth Pelton. He came from Connecticut, and was one of the early settlers of Litchfield.

Pelton, G. B., German Flats, was born in Ilion, March 11, 1864, and was educated in the Ilion Academy and Cornell University. He has been in business for four years with his father, and is one of the leading young men of the town. In addition to college clubs, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and outside of the hardware line does an insurance business. He is president of the Republican League in Ilion. Mr. Pelton has taken an active interest in the new library building project and is one of the literary committee.

Powers, John F., German Flats, is a native of Utica and has been in Ilion since 1882. He was a carriagemaker by trade, but has been in the wet goods business for several years. He is quite active in politics, is a member of the town committee and has been delegate to Democratic conventions several times. He is an Elk and a member of the Knights of Honor.

Petrie, Jacob H., of Herkimer, farmer, was born in this township in 1823, and has been identified with this part of the country ever since. He has been a farmer all his

life, and has been twenty-five years on his present place. He owns 275 acres, and milks thirty-two cows. His father was a son of Dr. Wm. Petrie, of Revolutionary fame. In 1852 Mr. Petrie married Miss Jemima Woliver, and they have two sons, Oliver and Henry. Oliver married Miss Lillie Crill. Mr. Petrie is a member of the Grange, and has been assessor three years. Dr. Wm. Petrie was in the Prussian army under Frederick the Great.

Paine, Seth, Warren, a descendant of a Paine who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620, was born in Connecticut about 1750, and settled in Paine's Hollow, on about 1,000 acres, where he died. His wife was a Swift, who bore him five sons, Thomas, William, James, Seth and Chester, and five daughters. Seth Paine, jr., was born and lived and died in Paine's Hollow. His wife was a Miss Filer, who bore him two children, Seth J. and Jane. After Mr. Paine's death, his widow married John Sage, and died in Buffalo in 1858. Seth B. Paine was born in Paine's Hollow in 1805. He was a cabinet maker. He married Loretta Averill, who bore him two children, Charles and Byron. He went to Ohio to look up a location, and died there. Mrs. Paine returned to her parents, Dr. Jonathan and Anna (Watkins) Averill, where Byron Paine now lives, and where Mr. Averill died in 1833. Byron Paine was born in Bridgewater, Oneida county, December 26, 1830, and after his father's death came to where he now resides. He learned the carpenter trade, and also carried on wagon making. He and his brother own two farms. He has held several town offices, and is an active Republican. He is unmarried. Chas. Paine was born in Warren; is a wagon maker and farmer. He married Calferna, daughter of John and Hannah (Yule) De Voe, who has borne him two children, John and Frank. Byron Paine is a leading and influential Mason.

Perry, William H., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, January 3, 1844. He received a good common school education, after which he worked in a spinning mill, and attended locks for about four years. For the next eighteen years he clerked for Chris Leë, and upon the death of the latter, opened up business for himself at Lock 37 on the Erie canal. In 1861 he was the leader in the movement to organize a company to participate in the civil war. They desired to elect him captain, which office he refused on account of his age, being only eighteen at that time, but he enlisted in the Thirty-Fourth New York Volunteers, under Col. William La Due, and participated in every battle from the beginning of the war to the battle of Antietam. In 1864 he married Jane Ann Flansburg, and of their nine children, six are now living. Mr. Perry is a prominent member of the "G. A. R.," and has held several local public offices.

Putnam, John M., Russia, was born in Newport, March 17, 1837, a son of George Putnam, whose father lived and died in Canajoharie. George was born in Canajoharie in 1813. He married Margaret Yerdon, of Montgomery county, by whom he had three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Putnam died in 1845, and he married second, Elsie Smith, by whom he has five sons. Mr. Putnam served a short time in the late war. He is a member of the M. E. church. John M. Putnam at the age of fourteen started in life for himself, at first working on a farm, but later learning the painter's trade. At the age of eighteen he enlisted in the regular army, Second United States Cavalry, and

served five years. When the war broke out he went to Washington and served until its close as a sutler. In 1865 Mr. Putnam married Emma Vincent, of Norway, who was born 1844, a daughter of Samuel R. and Hulda (Aller) Vincent, of Norway, and they have two children: Kingson B., who is engaged with Warner Bros., corset manufacturers of New York city; and Allie G. At the close of the war Mr. Putnam engaged in farming at Norway. In 1872 he came to Poland, bought a grist-mill, and has since engaged in the manufacture of flour. He is a Democrat, and is a member of Newport Lodge No. 455, F. & A. M.

Prass Brothers, Manheim, grocers, are located within the corporate limits of Little Falls, but are in the town of Manheim. The firm is composed of J. M. and J. F. Prass, sons of G. A. Prass. Both members of the firm were educated in the schools of Fairfield, and prior to establishing their business in Manheim were located on Main street, Little Falls. They have only occupied their present new store a few months. They are thoroughly representative business men, doing a large trade, and are identified with local social and benevolent institutions.

Rice, Albert M., Winfield, cattle dealer and farmer, was born in Pompey, Onondaga county, September 10, 1863, and settled in Winfield in 1886. He was in the store in West Winfield, with Russell Huntley, four years. He then came to East Winfield, and engaged in farming and cattle dealing, which he continues. He is a son of Isaiah H. and Almira Rice, the latter a native of Onondaga county, and the former of Massachusetts. Albert M. Rice married Luna A., daughter of Theron T. Morgan, who was born in this town, a son of John Morgan. Her mother was Harriet M. Rice, daughter of Matthew Keith. Albert M. Rice has three children: Harriet A., Franklin A., and George M.

Rising, James G., Litchfield, a farmer, was born in this town, and married Emma Gallup. They have one daughter, Julia, who married Frank Woodbury, and have a daughter, Nina. James G. is a son of Moses and Polly Hewett Rising. There are five of the children now living, all farmers: Lovina, Mary, William, James G., and Milo M. Moses was a son of Abner Rising, a native of Massachusetts, one of the first settlers of Litchfield. He married Abigail Devotion, they had seven children: Abner, jr., Oliver, Moses, Harry, Desire, Rowena and Abigail. Mrs. Emma Rising is a daughter of Daniel and Amy Gallup.

Rider, Emerson D., Litchfield, one of the prominent farmers of Litchfield, was a son of Harlow D. Rider, a native of this town, who was the youngest son of Ezra Rider, who died November 10, 1870, aged eighty-six years. Harlow D. died February 20, 1879, aged 65 years. He married Emeransa Wilcox, March 22, 1879. They had two children: Emerson D. and Lillie A. Emerson D. married, February 4, 1885, Amelia Vosburg, and they have two children living: Edwin H. and Will H. They have lost one son, Earnest, who died September 6, 1886, aged six months. Lillie Rider married, March 22, 1884, Zetto Brewer, a son of Jacob Brewer. Emeransa Wilcox was a daughter of Daniel Wilcox, a native of Litchfield. Amelia Vosburg is a daughter of Henry Vosburg, who was a native of Germantown, Chenango county, and his father,

Peter Vosburg, is a native of this county. The following is a copy of the oldest family record found in the town of Litchfield, of a family who came to this town in 1787: "Christopher Rider, born Sept. 8, 1761; married April 3, 1783, to Miss Johanna Baughton, who was born Dec. 21, 1762. She died Dec. 21, 1845. He died May 23, 1839. Ezra Rider, died: Nov. 10, 1870, aged 86 years. Lewis Rider, died: Feb. 22, 1829, aged 43 years. Justus Rider died: Sept. 18, 1859, aged 70 years. William Rider, died: May 15, 1821, aged 31 years. John P. Rider, died: Oct. 6, 1825, aged 30 years. Mathew C., died: March 10, 1885, aged 85 years."

Rank Lewis, Ohio, was born in Ohio township, March 22, 1861. His father was Adam Rank, a native of Germany, born October 23, 180-. Adam Rank was married in Germany to Barbara (Herl) Rank, and to them twelve children were born, nine of whom are living. In 1854 Mr. Rank and family came to America and settled in Ohio township. There Mr. Rank's death occurred in 1871. His wife survives him. Mr. Rank was a Democrat in politics. He and wife were members of the Lutheran church. Subject was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He was ten years old when his father died and at the age of thirteen started in life for himself, working by the month. In 1885 he married Alice R. Gibson, born May, 1861. She is a daughter of Samuel and Susan Gibson, whom we have mentioned elsewhere. Subject and wife have one daughter, Marcia. Mr. Rank is a Republican. His brother, John, served three years in the late war.

Richards, La Fayette, Schuyler, was born July 6, 1831, and has always been a farmer. December 26, 1855, he married Sarah H. Haskill, and they have two children, Dr. Seymour S. Richards of Frankfort, and Frank J. Richards who has been mail clerk in Frankfort for the past ten years. Mr. Richards's father was John Richards, a native of Wales, who came to America in 1801. The family have resided in Schuyler since 1870.

Rees, M. A., is a native of Fairfield and was born on the farm on which he resides. He was educated at Fairfield in the early days of the academy. He owns a fine farm of 200 acres and a herd of forty cows. Mr. Rees's great-grandfather came from Germany. He was a clergyman and physician and settled in Palatine and officiated in New Jersey for many years. Some of the grandfather's brothers took part in the war of 1812. Mr. Rees married Miss Sarah Johnson of Salisbury in 1858. Their only son, C. H., died in 1890. Mr. Rees is a Mason and a member of the Grange and other societies.

Reese, Frank, German Flats, was born in Richfield, July 17, 1834. His father Matthew Reese, was a farmer, and the early years of his son were spent amid rural surroundings. Fifty years ago he came to Ilion, and his first business undertaking was on the canal, where he spent about nine seasons. He then embarked in the trucking business and soon started a livery also. For twelve years he was engaged in the carting business in partnership with Sanford Getman. He has been in the bus business here since 1857, except for five or six years, and has carried the United States mail nearly all of these years. In 1861 Mr. Reese mar-

ried Elmira Piper, daughter of Nicholas Piper. Mr. Reese is one of the scions of the oldest and most honorable families of this section, and he has himself, by a long, honorable and successful business career won the highest respect and esteem of all classes. He is a staunch Democrat.

Rankin, Horace, dealer in groceries and provisions, crockery, meats, etc., Ann street, Little Falls, is a native of this place and began his business career in his father's store, where he remained until the age of twenty-one. His father was a native of Scotland, emigrating to this country, where he died December 14, 1889. Horace Rankin established his present business in 1884, and has conducted it with marked success ever since, while he is still interested to some extent in farming. In 1869 he married Alice Dagert and they have one son, Harvey Rankin. Mr. Rankin is a Democrat in politics and was tax collector of Little Falls in 1869.

Rasback, Marcus, Herkimer, was born in 1832, on February 24, and has been a farmer all his life. He owns 231 acres of land, raises annually 100 tons of hay, and keeps forty milch cows. His grandfather, John Rasback, took part in the Revolutionary War, and his father, Marcus Rasback, lived in this county all his life. In 1856 Mr. Rasback married Miss Mary N. Snell, and they have three children, all living at home. Mr. Rasback is one of the prominent farmers of the county and has been supervisor of the town for four terms. He has also been justice of the peace and is a member of the Grange, and is a prominent Mason, having passed to the Knight Templars.

Rice, Ai, Herkimer, was born in Salisbury January 20, 1826. The family originally came from Connecticut and settled in Salisbury in 1802, where they have since lived until Mr. Rice bought his present dairy farm of 218½ acres in Herkimer on the Steuben road. Ai Rice married Miss Sarah Spencer of Herkimer, and has three sons and one daughter. He keeps sixty-five head of stock besides ten or twelve horses. His children are Fred A., Chauncey A. and Frank, and his daughter is Viola J. Mr. Rice is one of the successful farmers of this vicinity.

Rhodes, W. H., Russia, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., May 4, 1852, a son of Benjamin F., a son of Jacob. Benjamin F. was born in Chesterfield, Mass., in 1825, and in 1852 Mr. Rhodes went to Williamsburg, Mass., and there for five years he was tool-maker in the planing shops. He then became superintendent in the Button Mold Factory of O. G. Spellman. In 1874 he began work for Woodard & Lyman and continued two years. He then went to Russia and engaged in the manufacture of button mold, until his death in 1879. His wife was Dolly F. White, a native of Williamsburg, Mass., born 1830, and daughter of John and Polly (Curtis) White. Mr. Rhodes had three sons and two daughters. W. H. Rhodes was reared in Williamsburg, educated in the common schools and Eastman's Business College, from which he graduated in 1870. In 1873 he married Anne E. V. Tower, born in 1852 a daughter of Lorn and Sophronia (Bates) Tower of Chesterfield and Westford, respectively. They had one son and six daughters. He was representative of Hampden county, Massachusetts, and was selectman twenty years. His father, Luther F., was in the War of 1812. Mr. Rhodes worked in the silk-mills of Sharnerville, Williamsburg, and then became superintendent

of the Winstead Silk-mills until 1877. He then worked in the silk-mills of Mount Carmel, Conn., and Hillsborough, N. H., until 1881, when he went to New York city and took charge of the New York office for one year. He then came to Cold Brook and engaged in the manufacture of button molds, which he now follows. Since 1884, Mr. Rhodes has been a Democrat. He is a member of the Hampshire Lodge F. & A. M. of Massachusetts, and the Iroquois Chapter of Ilion 236, also a member of Little Falls Commandery 26. In New Hampshire he was a member of the Valley Lodge 43, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Khorassan Grotto 2, M. O. V. P. E. R. at Ilion, N. Y., and also belongs to the K. of P. at the same place.

Robinson, Joseph, Warren, was born at Northamptonshire, England, and came to the United States in 1836 and settled in Richfield. He married Maria, daughter of Asa and Lucy Brown, and had four children: George W., Albert D., John G. and Lucy M. John G. Robinson was born in Richfield November 26, 1846. At the age of fourteen he began for himself buying cattle; at twenty-one he bought the first farm and now owns 502 acres and handles 500 to 600 head of cattle every year. He is a Republican and a member of the Baptist church. He married, September 20, 1871, Alice, daughter of Richard and Martha (Preston) Schooley, who has borne him nine children: Anna B., Carrie A., Josie M., Mabel M., George G., Irwin D., William S., Alice A. and Baby.

Rank, Henry, Ohio, was born in Germany July 5, 1842. He is a son of Adam and Barbara (Herl) Rank, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1865 he married Henrietta Herpy, a native of Ohio township, born in 1847. Her parents were John and Christina (Stork) Herpy, natives of Germany, who had five children. In 1844 Mr. Herpy came to Ohio township, and there lived until his death in 1882. Mrs. Herpy is still living at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Rank is a farmer and a Republican. His wife is a member of the Lutheran church.

Smith, William H., was born on the farm where he now lives in Litchfield August 9, 1816. He was justice of this town eight years, town clerk two years, and has held other minor offices. He married in April, 1874, Janette M. Wheelock of this town. He was a son of Richard Smith, second, who came from New Jersey and settled here about 1798. He was born September 25, 1774, and married, April 3, 1794. He died January 25, 1840. He was one of the first settlers of this town, and traveled to mill at Herkimer by marked trees. He was justice of Litchfield for about twenty years, and received his first appointment from governor of New York State. He was a member of Assembly in 1825 from Herkimer county. He was a son of Abner Smith of New Jersey.

Spencer, Herbert J., was born in Winfield February 15, 1847, a son of Dr. Nathan and Saphronia (Bailey) Spencer. Herbert J. was educated in the West Winfield Academy and Seminary at Fulton. He read with his father, Nathan Spencer, and graduated from the ~~Herkimer Medical College of New York City~~. He ~~un~~ed practice in Winfield in 1870. In 1883 he went to Newton, Kan., where he practiced



until 1886, then went to Greene, Chenango county, and in 1892 returned to West Winfield. He married in 1872, Nellie, daughter of Seymour and Amelia (Beach) Bailey. They have three children: Mary B., Ruth A. and Ralph H.

Stephens, John H., M. D., was born in Frankfort October 28, 1859, a son of Stewart and Margaret (Taylor) Stephens. He was educated at the Whitestown Seminary, read medicine with Dr. William H. Brown of Cedarville, N. Y., graduated at the Albany Medical College in 1883, and remained with Dr. William H. Brown of Cedarville, N. Y., his preceptor, two years, then practiced by himself in Cedarville two years. He came to West Winfield in 1889, and is still in practice there. He married May L., daughter of Clayton T., and Sarah (Kershaw) Wheelock. They have one daughter, Edna J. Stephens.

Shaul, Samuel, was born on the farm where he now resides, in Stark, March 7, 1819, a son of Daniel and Rachael (Smith) Shaul. His grandfather, John, was born in Herkimer county, and his father was one of the pioneers of Stark. John was taken prisoner by the Indians during the Revolution, remaining seven years. Two brothers, Bastian and Matthias, were taken with him. The latter being tender hearted was home sick, and owing to his constant crying they sent him home and the two others were kept. John married a Miss Bonner, and had seven children: Christian, John, Bastian, Jacob, Daniel, George and Betsey. He and wife died in Stark at an advanced age. Daniel was born in Stark, and served in the war of 1812. He held several town offices and was a Whig. He had nine children: John D., who enlisted in the war from Cherry Valley, and was made colonel of his regiment. He died about 1887; Garshau of Bridgewater, Daniel, deceased, who left four children; Cornelius of Richfield Springs, Samuel, Clark, who died aged seven, Laura M., Rachael, Betsey A., who died young. Samuel Shaul has served in various town offices. He was a Democrat up to the war, but changed and became a Republican. He married Lucinda Yule, born in Warren, a daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Hayes) Yule, and they had seven children: Willard, who died young; Daniel, aged ten; John E., Charles F., Ellen J., and Mariah, wife of Nelson Wolfe of Springfield. Samuel owns the homestead of 250 acres, and they attend the M. E. church.

Smith, George M., was born in Herkimer November 28, 1825, and is one of the old residents and a scion of one of the old historic families of the county. His ancestors on both sides took part in the Revolutionary war and his grandmother was scalped, yet lived forty years afterwards. A bloody massacre took place on this farm, and the old house in which his grandparents lived forms a part of his abode. He married in 1847, and has two children: Charles S. and Mary Ann. Charles S. is married to Miss Libby Bacon. Mr. Smith has ninety-six acres of fine dairy land.

Sheridan, Thomas, Little Falls, was born in Little Falls September 5, 1842. He received a good education in the village schools, and learned the trade of a moulder in the Reddy foundry, which trade he followed for thirty years, in different parts of the country. About seven years ago he took charge of the Smith hotel, which he has since successfully conducted. Mr. Sheridan married Mirah McCormick, and they have four



children living. Mrs. Sheridan died January 2, 1891. Thomas Sheridan has served as trustee of Little Falls for two terms, or four years, and is identified with local, social and benevolent affairs. His mother is still living.

Seversen, C. W., superintendent of the MacKennon Mills, Little Falls, is a native of Deerfield, and at the age of fourteen began to work in a mill as a needle boy, with the Troy Manufacturing Company of Cohoes. He soon went to New Hartford, and for a time also worked in a mill at Kingston, Canada. He then worked for J. C. Miller four and a half years at Baldwinsville, N. Y. In December, 1890, he came to his present position. He had previously, on two occasions, worked for a short time with Mr. MacKennon, and his abilities and zeal were well known. He is thoroughly expert in every department of the manufacture of woolen goods. His family has long resided in New York State, and his father was formerly a brick manufacturer of Cohoes.

Snell, Irving, Little Falls, was born in the town of Manheim. He received his education in the common schools here and in the Little Falls Academy. After the completion of his studies he taught school for two terms, and in 1857 inaugurated his present jewelry and musical merchandise business, which he has successfully conducted since that period. Mr. Snell's ancestors located upon a tract of land (3,000 acres) granted them by King George, near Little Falls, which is known as Snell's Bush, and upon which five generations have since lived. During the Revolution nine members of the Snell family participated in the battle of Oriskany, seven of whom were slain. Irving Snell's grandfather was in the war of 1812. Mr. Snell married Cloa Richmond, a daughter of Alvan Richmond. They have one daughter, Annie.

Selcer, John, Little Falls, succeeded his father, John Selcer, sr., who had conducted the leading merchant tailoring establishment at Little Falls for many years. The Selcers are of German descent, having settled in this country early in this present century. John Selcer, sr., married Agnes M. Lowrie of New York State, and they reared a family of seven children. John Selcer, jr., has successfully conducted the merchant tailoring establishment since his father's death, being now the accredited leader in this line of industry in this village, and town. He married Josephine Boyer. Mr. Selcer is identified with local social institutions, such as the Masonic Fraternity, Royal Arcanum, American Mechanics, etc.

Schuyler, John E., Little Falls, was born in Danube. His father, Lester Schuyler, is a prominent farmer of that town. After leaving home, John E. was employed on the railroad for about three years, after which for one year he was with the Warren Mower Company of Little Falls. About eight years ago he established his liquor business, which has been a success since its inception. Mr. Schuyler married Rose Fogarty. They have one child, a boy, Charles E. Schuyler.

Sellman, J., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls in 1861. He received his education in the schools of this village, and has been conducting his present liquor establishment for the past six years. His residence is 57 Loomis street. Mr. Sellman is a thorough-going business man and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens in a marked degree. He has two brothers: Emil and John Sellman, who are engaged in the grocery business upon Main street, conducting a prosperous establishment.

Seeley, Horatio E., Little Falls, was born in Stratford, March 3, 1857. He received an excellent education in the schools of that vicinity, and came to Little Falls about 1881. Here he at first engaged in the saloon business for a few years, disposing of this he entered the employ of the Baileys as a master machinist, where he continued for four years and seven months. Then in September, 1891, he established his present business, which is one of the largest and best livery concerns in the village. Mr. Seeley married Catharine Shall, and they have one daughter. His ancestors participated in the Revolutionary war and also that of 1812. Mr. Seeley is identified with various local social and benevolent institutions, such as the Odd Fellows, etc.

Shant, B. J., of Little Falls, is a native of this town and has lived here all his life. He was a farmer's son. Thirteen years ago he and his brother, William H., began business together and the partnership lasted eight years. Five years ago they dissolved and each has conducted a business of his own since. He is a Republican in politics and is a prominent Mason belonging to the Commandery. His family have lived in this part for several generations and his great-grandfather took part in the Revolution. In 1890 he married Ida Uhle and both are adherents of the Universalist church.

Spence & Armstrong, Little Falls, established their meat and provision business near the Garvin house, September 26, 1892. Prior to this time Mr. W. E. Armstrong was for several years connected with the fast mail service. J. G. Spence is a native of Scotland. He was engaged in the hotel business there, which he disposed of to settle in this country, a few weeks since. This firm undoubtedly has a very bright future ahead, as both members are thoroughly upright, popular and energetic business men, who will make a success of any legitimate undertaking.

Spellman, M., Russia, was born August 11, 1858, in Beloit, Wis. His father was Patrick Spellman, a native of Ireland, who came to America about 1852 and settled in Herkimer county, N. Y. After a short time he went to Wisconsin and remained there several years. He afterwards returned east and now resides in Newport township. He reared eight children. His mother died when subject was eleven years of age, and at the age of twelve he started in life for himself, working on a farm by the month for thirteen years, and for himself three years. He has since been in the hotel business. October 6, 1883 he married Carrie, daughter of William and Lorina (Stillman) Harris, natives of Newport. To Mr. Spellman and wife have been born two children: Raymond H., born April 5, 1887, in Cold Brook, and Glenn N., deceased, born September 16, 1891, in Dolgeville. In 1886 Mr. Spellman became proprietor of the hotel in Cold Brook and remained there three years. Then went to Dolgeville and was proprietor of the Cottage hotel at that place until 1892, then returning to Cold Brook, where he has since been proprietor of the Cold Brook hotel.

Shoemaker, Nicholas N., was born where he now lives in Warren, January 1, 1821, and is a son of Nicholas and Lana (Passage) Shoemaker. His grandfather was Thomas Shoemaker, a native of Germany, who settled at Fort Herkimer; his wife was a Miss Harter, who bore him five children. The subject's father was born at Fort Herkimer, August 18, 1779. In 1799 he settled where the subject now lives. He was an active

and influential man in town and church affairs. His first wife died in March, 1839, and he married Rebecca Barrenger. By his first wife he had five children: Elizabeth, Margaret, John, Thomas and Nicholas N. The latter at nineteen took charge of the homestead and has carried it on since. He has been engaged in stock dealing and shipping; is a Republican and has held town offices. He married in September, 1854, Angeline Ayres, of South Columbia, and they had three children: Orville, Carrie, wife of Clifton Miller, and Emma, wife of George Davis. Mrs. Shoemaker died June 30, 1889; she was a member of the Reformed church.

Swift, Timothy C., Warren, was born in Warren, March 25, 1845, and is a son of John and Eliza (Green) Swift. His grandfather, William Swift, came from Massachusetts and died in Warren. John Swift was born in Massachusetts; his wife was born in Warren and is a daughter of William and Mary (Biggs) Green. They had three children, two survive: Thomas A. and Timothy C. The latter was raised on a farm and at the age of twelve began working for himself by the day and month. In 1871 he began cheese making at Crain's Corners, where he has since lived, carrying on both cheese-making and farming. He also operates two other factories and owns a half interest in 190 acres of land, besides seven acres where he lives. He is a Republican and a Mason. He married in January, 1867, Catherine, daughter of John Wagner, of Danube. They have one child, Eugene C.

Smith, A. J., attorney at law, Herkimer, is a native of this village and studied law with Brown and Mitchell until his admission to the bar in June, 1881. In November of the same year he entered into partnership with Mr. I. R. Devendorf, which still subsists. He is an able counselor and good pleader, and was elected supervisor of the town of Herkimer twice, in 1888 and 1889. He was chairman of the Democratic county committee in 1885, and is a thorough exponent of Democracy. Mr. Smith comes of an old and honored family, his great-grandfather having been born in this State and the family being old Mohawk settlers on both father's and mother's sides.

Smith, C. Cutler, L. D. S., German Flats, was born in Otsego county, October 9, 1847, and studied dentistry in Brooklyn after a literary course in Madison University. In 1869 he opened his office in Ilion. Dr. Smith has been president of the village and both president and vice-president of the Fifth District Dental Society of New York State. His father was Alonzo Smith. In 1878 Dr. Smith married Miss Maude E. Stern, a daughter of Lawrence Stern. The mother's father was David Cutler, a Baptist minister of Vermont.

Smith, Dr. Fletcher N., Little Falls, who is associated in the practice of dentistry with Dr. J. V. Hemstreet, is a native of Oswego, N. Y., and began the study of his profession there with his father, who is one of the oldest practicing dentists in the State, having had an office in that place for the past thirty years. After leaving his father's office Dr. F. W. Smith was connected with J. L. Curtis, of Syracuse, for three years. He then came to Little Falls seven years ago and associated himself with Dr. Hemstreet, and their offices are the leading ones in this place. Dr. Smith is very pop-

ular socially, and is a member of the Elks and the Royal Arcanum. He comes of an old and honorable family, his ancestors having lived in this State for many generations.

Stannard, Peter, was born in Colchester, Conn., and came to Springfield, Otsego county, about 1800. His wife was a Miss Corter, who bore him five children, namely: Peter, Ezra, Gilbert, Charles and Betsy. Charles, named above, came with his parents from Connecticut, and was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He married Esther Bigelow, who bore him two children, Lorinda and Elisha W. He died in December, 1820. Elisha W. Stannard was born in his grandfather Bigelow's house, October 27, 1819. He received a good education and learned the carpenter trade, at which he has worked more or less. He owns 212 acres of land. He is a Republican and has been supervisor four terms and justice of the peace sixteen years. He married Julia, daughter of Jabez and Ann (Burnham) Percival, who has borne him five children: Anna V., Charles P., William E., Carrie J., and Albert L. Subject and wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian church. She is a graduate of the Albany Normal school.

Spellman, Joseph, Newport, was born in Ireland in 1824, a son of Edward and Anna (Rourke) Spellman, who had a family of three sons and a daughter. Mrs. Spellman died in Ireland, and in 1860 Mr. Spellman came to America, where he lived until his death in 1882. Joseph was reared on a farm, and when a young man left his native land and came to America. He married Anna O'Conner, a native of Ireland, by whom he has had the following children: Aurora, Edward, Dennis, Minnie, James and Annie. Mr. Spellman is a farmer and owns 135 acres of land in Newport. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion he and family are Catholics.

Stauring, E., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls, January 11, 1857. Receiving an excellent education in the schools of his native town, he was then associated with his father in the grocery business for several years. In 1880 he established his present liquor business, which he has since conducted most successfully. Mr. Stauring married Mary Cronkhite, and they have one daughter. Mr. Stauring is identified with local social and benevolent institutions, including the Elks, Odd Fellows, etc.

Schmidt, John, German Flats, was born in Germany and came to America in 1854 and to Ilion in 1861. He has been a contractor for the Remington Gun Works for thirty-one years. Mr. Schmidt is a Mason and a liberal contributor to church societies. He was president of the village for two years and a trustee for eight years. In 1860 he married Miss Catherine Seibert, and they have eight children.

Spoffard, C. J., Dolgeville, was born in Dolgeville, and received a good education in the schools of this village. At the outbreak of the late war he served in the Ninety-seventh New York Volunteers under his father, Brigadier-General Spoffard. After being mustered out he took up the study of dentistry under Dr. Chatfield, of Herkimer, and has now been practicing this profession for the past fifteen years. He married Nellie Faville. Dr. Spoffard is a high degree Mason, and is organizing a G. A. R. post in this village, which will be named Spoffard Post, in honor of his father, who commanded the regiment from this vicinity.

Sharp, James, a leading farmer of Little Falls, is a native of this town. He was born in August, 1822, and has lived an honorable and successful life. He owns 207 acres of

land and raises on an average of 80 to 100 tons of hay, and has a herd of forty-eight milch cows. His father purchased the farm on which Mr. Sharp lives. He has reared a family of eight children, of whom seven are still living. One of his sons, Jacob E. Sharp, is a farmer on the River road to Little Falls. Mr. Sharp has given no attention to public affairs, although he always votes the Democratic ticket.

Small, Matthew, is one of the leading farmers between Little Falls and Herkimer. He was born in the town of German Flats and came to his present farm in 1847, his father having purchased the place. In 1859 he married Jesse Klock and they have one son, Matthew. Mr. Small has spent most of his life farming, but was in the hotel business for a short time. His grandfather, Jacob Small, was a German and one of the early settlers along the Mohawk. Mr. Small has an attractive farm, and is one of the substantial men of the town.

Snell, Seffrenus Clarence, was born in Snell's Bush, May 17, 1853. He received a liberal education in the Little Falls Academy, Fairfield Academy and Clinton Liberal Institute, after which he attended the Adams Hungerford Military College. Upon the completion of his studies, Mr. Snell assumed the active management of his extensive dairy farm of 162 acres. Mr. Snell is assessor of the town of Manheim, has been trustee two terms and collector of the town two years. He is a member of the R. A. and Grange. His wife was Miss Eugene Helmer, a daughter of Samuel Helmer. They have three children. Mr. Snell's ancestors participated in the Revolution, and also the war of 1812.

Spinner, J. W., German Flats, was born in Herkimer, October 27, 1808, and is a brother of F. E. Spinner, once Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. Mr. J. W. Spinner was a painter and a blacksmith by trade and never sought political preference. In 1876 he married Miss Mary Johnson and they live quietly in Mohawk.

Shedd, Orlando B., Dolgeville, was born in Salisbury, Herkimer county, N. Y., February 8, 1860. He received a good education in the common schools, after which he attended the Fairfield Academy, and eventually graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College in 1877, immediately thereafter settling in Dolgeville and commencing the practice of his profession. Prior to commencing the study of dentistry, Mr. Shedd taught school for a few years. His wife was Miss Agnes Collins, of Middleville. They have no children. Dr. Shedd is identified with local social and benevolent institutions, and has his dental parlors in the Faville block, Dolgeville, N. Y.

Spencer, Howard, Dolgeville. Nathaniel Spencer, grandfather of Howard Spencer, moved from Vermont into Herkimer county and settled at Brockett's Bridge, now Dolgeville, in 1790. He purchased land and followed farming until his death and was succeeded by his son, Thomas Spencer, who was the father of the subject of this brief sketch, who lived an honorable and respected life, was engaged in agricultural pursuits, died and is buried here. Howard Spencer was born on the old farm, New Dolgeville, on the 4th of December, 1847. He received an academic education, and has always followed farming. He married Miss Emma Salisbury, of Norway, and has two children, both girls. Howard Spencer has lately disposed of part of the old farm for

building lots, but retained the old homestead, which is probably the oldest building standing in Manheim. Mr. Spencer is a thoroughly representative citizen and much respected.

Snell, Milton, Manheim, was born at Snell's Bush, January 17, 1839. When four years of age his father, Simeon Snell, moved on his present farm of 233 acres, which Milton Snell now owns. His ancestors participated in the Revolutionary War, and also the war of 1812. Nine of the family were at Oriskany with General Herkimer, seven of whom were slain. Milton Snell married Miss M. A. Vedder, and they have two daughters. His farm is located a mile from Ingham's Mills, and is one of the finest dairy farms in Manheim. He keeps sixty-five head of stock.

Stewart, John H., Herkimer, was born in Johnstown, July 6, 1816. He learned his trade of wagon-maker in this town and has worked at his trade since. He during the war was employed at the arsenal at Troy. Mr. Stewart came to Herkimer in 1849, and formed a co-partnership with Geo. Lake, which continued for eight years until at the death of Mr. Lake, Mr. Stewart assumed complete charge, and has since conducted the business on his own account. Mr. Stewart has been married twice, and has three children living. Mr. Stewart has served as assessor, postmaster, etc., and is one of Herkimer's most reputable and representative citizens.

Slade, Samuel, Litchfield, is a farmer, and was born on the same farm where he now lives. He is a son of Anthony Slade, one of the first settlers here, who married first Mary Buffington, who died in July, 1811, leaving three children: Phoebe, Sewell, and Samuel. The latter married Elsie Alford, by whom he has two children living: Esther Ann, and George S. Esther Ann married Alonzo P. Miller, and they have two children: Minnie E. and Carrie L. George S. Slade married Mary E. Wilcox. They have one son, Clyde W. Anthony Slade was born in Massachusetts, October 18, 1779, and died February 19, 1853.

Shaul, Andrew G., Stark, was born November 16, 1859, in Springfield, Otsego county, a son of Harvey and Paulina (Frost) Shaul. The grandfather, Andrew, was born in Stark, June 26, 1800, and died in Springfield, July 18, 1862. His wife was Martha Harna, who still survives. They had three children: Sally, William H., and Harvey. He was a Whig and a Republican. His father, Henry, came from Germany in colonial days, and settled in Stark. He was a soldier in Revolution. His wife was Catharine Bronner, who came from Germany. They raised five boys and two girls: Jacob, Sebastian, Peter, David, Andrew, Catharine and Mary. Harvey Shaul was born where his son resides in Stark. He was at one time assessor. Andrew was the only child, and was raised on the farm, received a district school education, and at nineteen began life on his father's farm, on shares, making hogs and dairying specialties. He is a Republican, and an active member of V. M. C., and the Good Templars, being chief in the latter order. He married, August 28, 1876, Lillie Edick, born in Stark, daughter of Henry and Martha (Givets) Edick, hotel proprietors. Mr. Edick served in the One Hundred and Twenty-Second New York Infantry in the war. Mr. and Mrs. Edick have two children: Myron H. and Mirel, and are Universalists.

Spencer, D. D., Ilion, is a native of Illinois, and spent many years in the banking business in Chicago. About twelve years ago he went to Europe, and resided in different countries until recently, when he settled in Mohawk, and has started a large and flourishing stock farm. The house in which Mr. Spencer lives contains some rooms of much historic interest, for in them Washington passed some time over a century ago. The old house has been preserved as part of the new structure for this reason.

Springer, Oliver H., was born where he now resides in Stark, September 16, 1840, a son of George and Christina (Eckles) Springer. The grandfather, Loadwick Springer, was born October 12, 1774, in Brunswick, N. Y., married Mariah Coons, and about 1803 located in Stark; reared six sons and four daughters. He died in his eighty-fifth year. His wife died in 1820. Loadwick was a son of Jacob, who came from Germany, and had eight children: Henry, Loadwick, Fanny, Jacob, George, Mary, Martin and Katie. Subject's grandfather was one of the pioneers of Stark, and had four sons and four daughters. George Springer was born in Stark, in February, 1803. He located on 250 acres, where his son, O. H., now resides. He died in Starkville in 1882, and was twice married. His first wife bore him two children: Martha Vedder and Oliver H. She died in September, 1865, aged fifty-six. His second wife was Juliet Gross. George was a Whig and a Republican, and served as supervisor nine terms. In 1861 he represented the company, and was very active in raising troops and money. Oliver H. was raised on a farm; was educated at a district school and the seminary. In 1863 he took charge of homestead in addition to his own farm. He is a breeder of Holstein cattle, and is a hop grower; served four terms as supervisor, and is active in politics. He is a leading Mason, and a member of Utica Commandery. He married, October 22, 1861, Elizabeth, daughter of Aleck and Jane (Mount) Hall.

Springer, Frank, Warren, was born January 26, 1844, in Stark, a son of David H. and Sally (Acker) Springer. The grandfather, Loadwick, was born in Rensselaer county, and was a pioneer of Stark. He was captain of militia and took an active interest in politics, being a Whig. His children were as follows: Nicholas, Jacob L., Martin L., David H., Polly, Betsey, Lana and Katie. David H. was born and always resided in Stark. His wife was Sally, daughter of William Acker of Stark, and they had four children: Loadwick, Franklin, George and Daniel. He is a Republican and an active and liberal supporter of the church. His son Frank received a district school education and at twenty-seven bought and located on 105 acres in Warren, where he now resides, owning at the present 240 acres. He has served as assessor and town auditor on the Republican ticket. December 15, 1869, he married Amelia Shaul, born in Stark, a daughter of Richard and Mary (Fetterly) Shaul of Stark, who raised six children: Diantha, who died leaving one daughter; Amelia, George, who died aged twenty-one; Ella and Marcella. Mr. and Mrs. Springer have three children: Lena M., Victor G. and David R.

Smith, Gersham, Stark, son of Peter G. and Catherine (Kinter) Smith, came from New Jersey as a blacksmith and settled on 260 acres in Stark. He married Margaret (Reese), by whom he had these children: Samuel, John, Dan, William, Peter, Ann, Rachael and Margaret. Subject's father was a miller in Stark, and died at Redfield Springs



about 1880. He was twice married, his first wife bore him five children: Ella, Margaret, Viola, John and Gersham. The latter was born where he now lives, June 20, 1854, and married in February, 1875, Ella Shaul, a daughter of Richard and Mary (Fetterly) Shaul, and they have three children: Arthur G., Olin R., and Mabel E. Mr. Smith has served as supervisor two terms, is a Republican and a Mason.

Springer, Loadwick Stark, was born in Stark September 17, 1842, a son of David H. and Sally W. (Eckler) Springer. The grandfather, Loadwick, was born in Rensselaer county, and of Holland parents. His father, Jacob, was taken prisoner by the Indians during the Revolution and was a prisoner seven years. Loadwick died in June, 1857, aged over eighty, a captain of militia and a Republican. His wife died in 1820. They had a large family: Betsey, Polly, Jacob, George, David, Martin, Nicholas, Philip and Daniel. David H. was born in Stark where he always lived. His wife survives him, and is of the Lutheran faith. They had four children: Loadwick, Franklin, George and Daniel, all living. Loadwick was raised on a farm, received a district school education, and lived with his father until after the war. He enlisted in August, 1864, in the navy and served on the Texas Coast. He was discharged at Brooklyn in June, 1865. He lived with his father for a couple of years, where he and his brother Frank bought 104 acres in Warren. Later he came to Stark and bought eighty acres. He finally located where he now resides, on 187 acres, also owning another farm of 205 acres in Stark. He has made his own way through life, has served in town offices and is a Republican. He married January 1, 1867, Diantha, daughter of Richard and Mary A. (Fetterly) Shaul of Stark, who had six children: Rose, Eltha, Ella, Amelia, Sallie, and George, who died at twenty. Subject and wife have three children: Ella, wife of Frank Harris; Carrie and Myrtia. They are of the Universalist faith.

Shall, George W., Little Falls, was born in Danube, Herkimer county. He received his education in the schools of this vicinity, and worked upon his father's farm until twenty-four years of age. Then, after working at the carpenter's trade for two years, he started a restaurant in Little Falls in 1875, and in 1877 he went into the Hotel Rockton, which he purchased and ran for eight years, and which property he still owns. While in the hotel Mr. Shall inaugurated a mercantile establishment here, devoted to sale of wagons, agricultural implements, hay, etc., at No. 536 Albany street. This proving a success he eventually rented the hotel property and devoted his time to the management of this enterprise. Mr. Shall's family are of Revolutionary antecedents and were also in the War of 1812. He married Mary C. Fox, and has one son. Mr. Shall has been trustee of the village (1880-81), is an Odd Fellow, Elk, K. of P., etc. In politics he is a Democrat.

Staring, Gilbert, Stark, was born in Danube April 10, 1848, son of John A. and Elizabeth (Cristman) Staring. The grandfather John, was a pioneer of Manheim, served in the War of 1812, and died aged eighty-eight. He was twice married and had children by both wives. John A. was born in Manheim and lived there until about fifteen, when he came to Stark, and then married and moved to Danube. In 1855 he returned to Deek, where he died November 16, 1887. He served in Company A, 152d N. Y. Volunteers three years, participating in twenty-six battles. He was wounded



in left arm in the battle of the Wilderness and had a sixty days' furlough, which was the only time he was off duty. He and his wife had eleven children: Lucinda Vedder of Nebraska; Menzo, who enlisted in Company F, 121st N. Y. Infantry, and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness; Gilbert, Mary Christman of Herkimer; Amanda Casler of Frankfort; Minerva Brown of Mohawk; Dan, of Huntington, Quebec; Henry, died aged four; John, died aged two; Ellen Wells of Leipsic, and Ervin E. Gilbert was raised on a farm and received a district school education, and at fourteen began for himself, working on a farm at \$4.00 per month. At twenty-one he began cheese manufacture in Stark, and was for thirteen years in Richfield. In 1890 he located on 150 acres of land where he now lives. He is a Democrat. September 15, 1875, he married Hattie, daughter of John and Margaret (Mowers) France, and they have one child: Lela.

Snider, John R., Stark, was born June 12, 1854, in Stark, a son of Moses and Anna Maria (Kinter) Snider. He was raised on a farm, received a district school education and academic, and at twenty-one began life for himself on the farm, working by the month. In the spring of 1879 he bought and located on 160 acres where he now lives. He also owns a store and residence. He is a Democrat in politics, and has lived in Stark all his life. He married, February 12, 1878, Rosa E. Shaul, born in Columbia, a daughter of David and Amanda (Bronner) Shaul of Stark. They have one child, Maud.

Snyder, Lewis, Ohio, was born in Germany August 10, 1827. His father was George L. Snyder, born October 10, 1799. The latter was educated in Germany and was a police officer there for many years. He afterward became a civil engineer. He married Mary Stephens, and had five sons and three daughters. Mrs. Snyder died in 1857, and in 1861 George L. came to America and lived with his son Lewis. He then went to California where he resided with his daughter until his death in 1881. Lewis Snyder was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He was twenty one years old when he came to America and settled in Ohio, where he has since lived with the exception of two years in Russia. He was a poor boy and has made his own property. He now owns 503 acres of land and keeps a large dairy. In 1853 he married Mary A. Sickles, a daughter of Philip and Magdeline Sickles, who came from Germany when their daughter was eight years old. To subject and wife one child was born, Olin L. He resides near his father on a farm. His wife is Annie E., daughter of Patrick Wallace. They have three children: Bertha L., Charles O. and Perry L. He is now salesman for No. 35 State Brand Cheese-factory of Ohio, which position he has held many years. He is a member of the North Star Grange No. 686, and with his wife attends the M. E. Church of Ohio.

Snyder, John, Salisbury, was born in Germany October 28, 1831. He came to this country in 1858, and has been engaged in Salisbury Corners in blacksmithing ever since. He married Rachel Grisol, and they have one daughter. Mr. Snyder owns a wagon shop, blacksmith shop, residence and ten acres of land. He employs help in his business, and is a thorough and reliable mechanic and citizen.

Snyder, Moses, Stark, was born in Stark January 26, 1825, a son of Daniel and Catharine (Backus) Snyder. The grand father, John, was a pioneer of Madison, Montgomery

county, served in the War of the Revolution and was in the battle of Oriskany. He died in Minden. His wife was Catharine Countryman, by whom he had five sons: Abram, Benjamin, Jacob, Daniel and John, and several daughters. Daniel Snyder was born in Minden and located near Starkville on 600 acres, which he cleared. He died in Stark before the war, aged eighty-three. He served in minor town offices as a Democrat. He had thirteen children: William, Daniel, Moses, Joseph, Catharine, Lana, Margaret, Susan, Lucinda, Elizabeth and Mary A.; two sons, John and Solomon, died in childhood. Moses received a common school education, and at twenty-five years of age began for himself, working a farm on shares. He bought 100 acres of land, which he has improved with substantial buildings, and owns another farm of 120 acres. He is a Democrat and has served as assessor. He married January 1, 1850, Anna M., daughter of John and Anna M. (Warren) Kinter, of Stark. Her father served in the war of 1812, and her grandfather, Richard Kinter, was a pioneer of Stark, and served in the Revolution. He married first, Elizabeth Barringer, who bore him three children, and second, to Rachael Cooper, who bore him nine children. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have had four children: Ellen E., died, aged four; John R., ———, wife of George W. Fikes, and Eugene.

Turner, E. M., Mohawk, was born in Exeter, Otsego county, N. Y., January 19, 1851. He received an academic education, after which he engaged in farming for a few years. Then for four years ran a grocery in Mohawk, after this he was manager of a flour and feed establishment in Utica for a time, and also identified with the Getman Manufacturing Company of Ilion for three years. In September, 1892, Mr. Turner established a wholesale and retail bakery concern in Mohawk. He is doing a good business. Mr. Turner is identified with the board of education, etc.

Taylor, Joseph, German Flats, was born in Dutchess county, August 18, 1838, and learned the trade of wagonmaker. He enlisted in November, 1861, in the Thirteenth Connecticut Volunteers, and served under General Butler until 1866. In 1867 he came to Ilion and has been a contractor in the armory up to the present time. He is a Mason, having passed up to the command of a member of the G. A. R. In 1884 he married Amelia F. Myers. His father was Warren Taylor, a native of Middletown, Conn.

Timmerman, Ira, Manheim, was born in the town of Manheim, April 26, 1828. He received a good education in the schools here and has always followed farming, although in connection with his farm he has been engaged in other lines. He now owns a fine dairy farm of 120 acres. Mr. Timmerman erected a hotel at the "Corners," opposite his residence, which he and his son conducted for some time. He has been largely identified with the material progress of this community. His children are as follows: Ella, George H., William, Jeremiah, Izora, Melvin, Ida, Lester and Kittie, all living. Mr. Timmerman's ancestry for four generations have lived here, locating in Stell's Bush about 1700. Mr. Timmerman has served as assessor and held other offices, and is a representative farmer.

Taber, Frederick Frank, Newport, was a son of Walter M. and Elizabeth (Frank) Taber. His father was a son of Peleg Taber, a native of Herkimer county, who had

five children: Adelaide, Frederick Frank, Louise, wife of Charles White; George R. and Charles W. The mother, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Frederick Frank, who was a resident of Fort Herkimer. Frederick Frank was born in the town of Herkimer, December 22, 1837. At the age of twenty-two he began for himself, following farming and teaming for several years, then began the manufacture of chairs, and in 1887 he purchased the hotel which he now keeps. He married Harriet C., daughter of Walter P. and Harriet W. Griswold, and they have two children: Linda, wife of Charles Parkhurst, and Walter G.

Turner, George R., Ohio, was born in Ohio, September 23, 1834. His father was Cornelius Turner, son of John Turner. The latter was a native of Massachusetts, and early in life went to Greenbush, Westchester county. He afterwards went to Ohio, where he died. Cornelius Turner was a native of Greenbush, born January 17, 1794. He was reared a blacksmith and followed his trade fifty years. His wife was Deborah Ames, a native of St. Lawrence county, born November 18, 1798. They had four sons and three daughters. In November, 1819, Mr. Turner and family came to Ohio and settled on the farm now owned by George R. and there lived until his death, November 5, 1875. His wife died September 2, 1879. They were members of the M. E. church. George R. Turner was reared on a farm and educated in the common school. March 7, 1857, he married Eliza E. Paul, born July 22, 1841, a daughter of Franklin and Rachael (Vinton) Paul. Mr. Paul died in 1841 and Mrs. Paul resides in Illinois at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. Turner and wife had six children: Louisa, Deborah, Franklin B., Millard F., and George and Ada, deceased. Mr. Turner is a farmer, a Democrat and has been town collector two terms, assessor two terms and overseer of the poor two terms. He is a member of North Star Lodge, No. 686, of Ohio, and he and his wife are Methodists.

Tunnickliff, George E., Warren, was born on the farm adjoining the one on which he now lives, July 11, 1858, and is a son of Horatio N. and Augusta L. (Rathbun) Tunnickliff. His grandfather, George, was born in 1790 and came to Warren when he was three years old, and there lived until he died at the age of seventy-three. His wife was Marinda Tilden, whose father was a cousin of Samuel J. Tilden. They had four children: Horatio N., Oran N., Mary E. and Damon G. Horatio N. Tunnickliff was born October 11, 1820, and died November 5, 1875. His wife is still living. They had four children: Mary M. (deceased), Augusta L., George E., and Nelson H. George E. was educated at Richfield Springs Seminary and taught school one term. He operates his mother's farm of fifty-two acres and is a breeder of Hambletonian horses. He is a Republican.

Farber, Christopher, Ohio, was born in Germany, March 2, 1850, a son of John Farber, who married Annie Fisher, a native of Germany, and to them were born five children. In 1874, Mr. Farber came to Ohio, N. Y., where he lived until his death in 1885. His wife died in 1881. The father of John was Albert Farber, a native of Germany. Christopher Farber was reared on a farm in Germany and was seventeen years old when he and his brother John came to America. John settled in Russia where he still resides and Christopher settled in Ohio, where he has since made his home. Subject was a

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poor boy when he came to America and worked on a farm by the month for six years. He then purchased the farm where he now resides. In 1875 he married Rachel Hoffman, a native of Ohio, born in 1851. Her parents were Peter and Sophia (Hafer) Hoffman, who reared eleven children. Mr. Hoffman and family reside at Washington Mills, N. Y. To Mr. Farber and wife have been born four children: Albert E., Amelia A., Mary E., and Edward all of whom are living. Mr. Farber is a Democrat.

Thomas, George H., is a native of Middleville and was educated in the private schools of Connecticut. He first began business as a clerk in the employ of the State at Albany and was next in the employ of the United States. He subsequently came home and took charge of this business, which he has owned since his father's death in 1865. This tannery business is one of the oldest in the country, having been started by Mr. Thomas's grandfather in 1814. Mr. Thomas now employs seventy hands in the production of calf-skin leather. He is president of the National Bank at Newport and has been since 1874. In 1867 he married Miss Mary Kenyon and they have one child. Mr. Edward M. Burns is a partner of Mr. Thomas.

Thompson, James W., Fairfield, is one of the bright young men of Herkimer county. He is a native of Salisbury and his father, W. J. Thompson, was one of the substantial farmers of that township. Mr. Thompson owns 165 acres of land and a dairy of forty-five cows. His father died in 1885 and his mother in 1891, the former at the time of his death being the owner of seven farms.

Tibbetts, William, M. D., Danube, was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., October 4, 1837. He received an academic education and eventually graduated in medicine from Bellevue Hospital College, New York, in 1867. He immediately thereafter located at Newville, Danube township, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. Dr. Tibbetts married Elizabeth Houpt; they have two children living, both of whom are sons. The doctor has served Danube as supervisor for the past two terms. He is a member of the County Medical Society and is a very skilled and thorough medical practitioner.

Van Slyke, William, is a native of Fairfield, and one of the oldest residents of the place. He was born in 1822 and has been a farmer all his life, though of late years he has retired from active work, and his son manages the farm, which consists of eighty-six acres of dairy land. Mr. Van Slyke married in 1847, and has a family of two children, a son and a daughter. He is a Democrat in politics, as is also his son. His grandfathers on both sides took part in the war of the Revolution.

Uhle, Jerome, Little Falls, was born in 1828, near the village of Little Falls and has been a farmer all his life. He has been successful and now owns 195 acres of land, having inherited twenty-five acres from his father. Mr. Uhle's grandfather came from Germany and his grandmother was a relative of General Herkimer. Mr. Uhle uses his farm entirely for dairy purposes, and has a herd of forty-eight milch cows. Mr. Uhle has one daughter, the wife of B. J. Shaut of Little Falls. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and has held the office of commissioner of highways.

Van Slyke, D. C. is a native of Little Falls and has been a resident from birth to life. His father, James Van Slyke, is still living and resides with him. The family is descended from the old Mohawk Dutch, and they were among the earliest settlers in that part of the State. D. C. Van Slyke is a prominent and successful Prohibition worker, and is county deputy of the Good Templars. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the People's Benefit Society and the Grange. He married Anna A. Border. He works 176 acres of land and has forty cows. He formerly dealt extensively in hay and supplied the Seventh and Eighth Avenue Railway Company of New York for seven years. He brought to the town the first hay press used this side of Albany.

Van Alstyne, Calvin, Little Falls, was born March 9, 1829, in the town of Danube. He received a good education in the schools of this vicinity, and was an assistant in his father's grocery store until twenty-one years of age, when he was admitted to a partnership at the same time the business was removed from Shall's Lot to Jacksonburg. Two years later he married Miss C. E. Eysaman, dissolving partnership with his father in the grocery establishment and entering the employ of J. J. Gilbert of Little Falls, with whom he has been for the past twenty years. He was elected tax collector last charter election, which office he now holds most acceptably to the public. Mr. Van Alstyne has a family of four sons living. He is a staunch Republican in politics.

Uebler, Conrad, Schuyler, is one of the successful men of Herkimer county, is a German by birth, but came to America in 1870. He was born September 15, 1836. He has been on his present farm of 180 acres for eleven years, and has put up five buildings and started a charcoal enterprise and a hop plantation. In 1872 he married Josephine Sohn, and they have four children, three sons and a daughter.

Van Vechten, William P., Norway, was born October 27, 1843. He is a son of Hamlen and Roxy H. Van Vechten, mentioned in Charles Van Vechten's sketch. William P. was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. He married Annie Stratton of Utica, a daughter of George and Hannah Stratton. Their children are George, Anna and Ada, deceased. Mr. Van Vechten owns 170 acres of land and keeps a large dairy. He is a Democrat and has been supervisor three years, assessor several years, and inspector of elections.

Van Dewalker, Nicholas, Warren, was born in Sharon September 14, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Lavinia Van Dewalker. His grandfather, Peter, was a pioneer of Schoharie county, and owned about 1,000 acres of land. Jacob Van Dewalker was born in Schoharie county, and died about 1880, aged sixty years. His wife, who was the mother of three children and a member of the Methodist church, died earlier. Nicholas Van Dewalker was educated in the common schools, and at eighteen began business for himself by working on a farm. In the spring of 1890 he bought and settled on 300 acres east of Little Lakes. He is a Democrat. He married in May, 1883, Fannie, daughter of Albert and Fatima (Flint) Clyde of Montgomery county. They have one child, Ina E.

Van Allen, Edward G., Little Falls, was born in Little Falls June 24, 1853. He received a good common school education, after which for years he was engaged on a

farm. During the next three years he was brakeman on the Central Railroad, after which he was promoted to the position of conductor. This he held for eleven years. When the great strike occurred, about two years ago, he with others, lost his position, since which time he has been engaged in the grocery and bottling business in the old stand at Lock thirty-eight (the Van Allen lock), and which his father conducted before him. His goods go all over the country, with perhaps the exception of the town of Herkimer. He married Maggie Ward, and they have six children, five sons and two daughters. Mr. Van Allen's father and two of his uncles participated in the late war.

Vagts, Christ, is proprietor of the milk station at West Winfield. He buys milk from the farmers and ships to the New York city market, the product being from about 3,000 cows. He ships about 130 cans a day, each can containing forty quarts. It is taken in and cooled by water from a flowing well. The cans returned from New York are first cleaned by washing and then steamed. He commenced this business in January, 1889. About 1,200 cans required to run the business, and all the surplus milk is made up into butter and cheese, the farmers being paid as if it were all shipped to New York. The building is 156 feet long, 30 feet wide and two stories high.

Van Deusen, B. B., German Flats, was born in Pennsylvania, October 29, 1841. He served one year in the United States army during the civil war and afterwards graduated a civil engineer. After following his profession for twenty years, largely mining engineering in the West, he entered manufacturing, and is now manager of the Remington Standard Typewriter Works at Ilion. In 1872 he married Miss Ellen F. Bolland, by whom he has two daughters. His father, Benjamin Van Deusen, and family have a history in this State extending back two centuries. Mr. Van Deusen's grandfathers and granduncles took part as patriots in the Revolutionary War.

Van Benschoten, Elias, was born where he now resides in Warren, December 20, 1848, a son of Mathew and Jane Ann Wyckoff Van Benschoten. The grandfather, Elias, was a pioneer of Otsego county. Their children were: Melvina, Colman, Mrs. General Holt, Catharine Hicks, Mrs. Helen Gould, Cordelia, Mathew and Elias. Mathew was born in Otsego county, where he had a farm of two hundred acres, and ran a hotel on the west side of Otsego Lake. About 1830 he located where his son now resides, where he died in 1859, aged fifty-nine. His wife died January 17, 1890, aged eighty-five. She was born January 8, 1805, in Cherry Valley, a daughter of Grant Wyckoff, of New Jersey. They had twelve children, and raised two: Chester, of Michigan, and Elias. The latter had a district school education, and at fourteen began for himself on the home farm which he now owns. He is a Republican. In 1870 he married Martha J. Storing, born in Otsego county, N. Y., a daughter of Jacob and Elisabeth (Weldon) Storing, and they have three children: Don E., Bruce P., and Lula. Subject's mother's parents raised nine children: John, William, Eliza, Pamel, Sally, Fish, Julia A., Emily Springer, Elenor Eckler.

Vickerman, James, German Flats, was born in England, February 19, 1829, but has lived in this country all his life. His father and he farmed and contracted together for several years. After continuing the contracting some time he went into the plaster business, in which he has been for thirty years. His father was Collingwood Vicker-

man. Mr. Vickerman has always been prominent politically and has been supervisor of the town. In 1852 he married Harriet E. Ingram, and they have two daughters, Mrs. Lester and Mrs. Rasback, both living in Ilion.

Weeks, Hiram, Stark, was born in Amsterdam, May 23, 1825, a son of Levi and Jane (Hollenbeck) Weeks. The grandfather, Levi Weeks, was born on Long Island, and died at Stark. He married Anna Arnold, a sister of Benedict Arnold. Subject's father was born in Montgomery county, and in early life was a carpenter. In 1833 he came to Stark, and bought 140 acres, later added 140 acres more. Served as supervisor and justice. Had fourteen children and raised thirteen: David, Louisa, Hiram, John, Jane, Ann, Solomon, Mariam, Benedict, Laura, Willard, Mariah and Albert. He died in February, 1890, aged over ninety-one. His wife died February, 1884, aged eighty-four. Subject's mother was born in Stark, daughter of Isaac Hollenbeck, who had four sons and five daughters. Hiram was raised on a farm, received a district school education, and at twenty began for himself as a carpenter, which he followed more or less all his life. He has kept hotel at Starkville, and located, where he now lives, about 1867, on five acres. He owned adjoining about 100 acres, his property now comprising three farms of about 400 acres. He served as commissioner on the Republican ticket. He married July 4, 1850, Margaret Lepper, who was born in Amsterdam, a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Paddock) Lepper, natives of Warren and Amsterdam respectively. Her father was a soldier of 1812, and she was one of nine children: William, John, Mary A., Effa, Hannah, Deborah, Elisabeth, Martha A., and Margaret. Jacob, son of Frederick Lepper, was of Holland Dutch descent. His mother was taken prisoner, with two children, by Indians during the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have four children: Harlan, Jennie, died aged twenty-five, Charles and Edwin. They are attendants of M. E. church.

Williams, Thomas, Ohio, was born in Remsen, Oneida county, in 1837, a son of Lewis R. Williams, a native of Oneida county, where his father was a very successful farmer. The wife of Lewis R. was Eleanor R., by whom he had eight children. He died in 1877 and his wife is still living. Thomas was reared on a farm and at twenty-one years of age started in life for himself. For a number of years he worked for Gardner Hinckley. In 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-first New York Infantry, Company C, under Captain Moon, and served three years. He was in the battles of South Mountain, 2d Antietam, Wilderness, Gettysburg, Shenandoah Valley, etc., and at the Wilderness he was wounded in the breast, but remained with the regiment. While with Sheridan he was wounded in the left shoulder and was taken to Saterlee Hospital, Philadelphia, and remained four months, and was discharged. At the close of the war he returned to Gang Mills and worked for Gardner Hinckley. He then went to Ohio and purchased a farm, on which he remained three years and then returned to Gang Mills and worked for Hinckley & Balou six years. In 1880 he returned to Ohio and has since lived on a farm. In 1872 he married Helen Hagadorn, a native of Morehouseville, by whom he has had these children: Alida, Ella, Mary J., Annie and Ira, all of whom are living. Mr. Williams is a Republican and has been highway commissioner and justice of the peace two terms. He is a member of the G. A. R. Thomas Post at Prospect, N. Y.



Windecker, Fred, is a native and resident of Fairfield, and a son of J. W. Windecker. He has a farm of 165 acres and keeps a dairy. He was four years in Danube, and was road commissioner in that town for some time. In 1872 Mr. Windecker married Sarah C. Neely, and they have two children. He is a member of the Grange and an active Democrat.

Wadell, George C., Winfield, was born in Bridgewater, August 23, 1839, and came to this county to live in 1854. He enlisted July 29, 1862, in the 121st regiment, Company B., and was in the battles of Crampton Pass, Antietam and Fredericksburg, and was discharged for disability, March 10, 1863. He married, June 3, 1863, Sarah E. Bucklen. He is a son of Isaac E. and Jane Wadell, both natives of England. He has two children living: Charles R. and George S., and has lost two: Albert H. and Edward L. Robert Bucklen was born where he now lives, May 14, 1806, a son of Simeon, and Mary Bucklen, the first settlers on this farm, which came to Robert, his father, by buying out the other heirs. There were twelve children in his father's family, only three now living: Robert, Isaac and Hannah. Robert married Luna, daughter of Dr. John Hackley, of Plainfield, Otsego county, and have an adopted daughter, Sarah E.

Williams, Richard, a farmer, of Litchfield, was born in Wales, in November, 1845. He came to America in 1870, and settled in this town in 1880. He married Sarah Ann Lewis, and they have two children: William and Sarah Ann. Richard was a son of Robert and Mary Williams, residents of Wales. Mrs. Sarah Ann Williams, was a daughter of William Lewis, a native of Wales, who settled in this town on the Gulf road in 1853, and lived there until he died November 22, 1891, aged seventy-one years. William Lewis married Sarah Morris, and they had seven children: William, jr., Sarah Ann, William Henry, Mary Jane, Margaret E., Traphena A. and Florence P. Robert Williams married Mary Peters, by whom he had seven children: Margaret, William, Ann, Lewis, Richard, Robert, jr., and John Williams.

Wood, B. W., assistant postmaster of West Schuyler, is a native of this town, and a son of Harvey Wood. His grandfather was Benjamin Wood, and his great-grandfather, Thomas Wood, who came from Massachusetts in 1770. The family is one of the oldest in the town, and Mr. Harvey Wood was town clerk for many years. Mr. B. W. Wood conducts a general business in West Schuyler, and is assistant postmaster.

Williams, Roger F., was born on the farm where he now lives, in Winfield, December, 18, 1840. He is a son of Anthony Williams, who was born in Rhode Island, in 1799, and came to Columbia with his father, from Rhode Island. They came with an ox team all the way, and built a log house, and cleared the farm. Here he lived until his death. Anthony Williams settled on the farm now occupied by his son, Roger, about 1830, where he died in 1873, aged seventy-four years. Roger Williams married Nelia Gimbey, and they have two daughters: Emma J., who married S. B. Cruikshank, and Ida H. Roger F. Williams is one of the representative farmers of Winfield, and owns about 100 acres.

Wholahan, John J., Winfield, who has been over overseer of the poor for three terms, was born in Clinton, Oneida county, November 26, 1854, and came to Winfield



in June, 1879. He married Nellie L. Wilcox, by whom he has two children: Olive M. and John W. John J. is a son of Michael Wholahan, who settled in Clinton about 1846. His wife is a daughter of Elijah Wilcox, a native of this town, who was a son of Hezekiah, one of the first settlers.

Wilcox, Newton Peleg, Litchfield, was born on the farm adjoining this, May 27, 1844. He is a son of Rodney, who was a native of Stonington, Conn., and settled in this town, where he died, February 22, 1883, aged seventy-five years. His wife, Emily Davis, was a native of Newark, and died, February 20, 1884. P. N. Wilcox married Mary E. Hull, a native of Noble county, Indiana, and a daughter of Noah I. Hull. They have four children: Glen Avery, Joe E., Mabel H. and Charles N.

Weeks, George S., Winfield, is a dealer in lumber, lath and shingles, also runs a planing-mill and sash, door and blind factory, besides being an extensive farmer. He was born in West Winfield, May 3, 1836, a son of Charles Weeks, who came from Ashford, Conn., and settled in West Winfield, about 1825. He died January 31, 1874, aged seventy-two years. His wife was Abigail Snow, who died July 31, 1870, aged sixty-four. They had ten children, of whom four are living: C. Delos, George S., Louisa M. and Emma R. George S. married Phoebe D., daughter of David Burton, now of Ilion, and they have one daughter living, Nellie L. Weeks. The business was commenced by Charles Weeks in 1857 and continued until 1860, when it became Charles Weeks & Son, remaining so until 1868, when George S. went into the mercantile business in West Winfield, and he then pulled down the buildings and erected what is now known as the Wheeler block. The lumber business and manufactories were run by Charles Weeks until 1870, when George assumed control and has conducted it until the present time.

Walrath, Henry, Litchfield, was born in Jefferson county, November 23, 1837, and settled in 1838 in the town of Danube. In October, 1870, he settled on the farm where he now lives in Litchfield. It is selected as one of the representative farms of the town, and he is an excellent farmer. He married Martha Jane Eygbroat, of Minden, Montgomery county, in November, 1859. They have five children: Esther, Hattie, Henry H., Milton and Lester. Henry Walrath is a son of David, of this county, who died in Danube in 1848. His wife, Barbara (Bort) Walrath, died August 22, 1882.

Walker, George A., Winfield, is a dealer in watches, clocks, silverware and jewelry, and makes watch repairing a specialty. He was born here and has been in business here since 1890. He is a son of the late Dwight B. Walker, a dealer in general merchandise, who was a son of Ira Walker, one of the first settlers of Winfield.

Weldon, John F., is a native and resident of Schuyler, and was born October 1, 1857. He was first a carpenter, but subsequently turned his attention to farming. His father was John J. Weldon, born in Newport, Herkimer county, and his grandfather was Abel Weldon. In 1883 John F. Weldon married Carrie E. Bridenbecker, and they have two children, Bertha M. and W. Raymond.

Wood, Henry W., Frankfort, was born in Newport, N. Y., November 23, 1842. He was one of four children of William H. and Jane (Perkins) Wood, of Herkimer county. His grandfather was George Wood, a native of Massachusetts. Henry W lived in the town of Fairfield until he enlisted September, 1862, in Company F, One Hundred and Fifty-Second New York Volunteers. He remained in the army until the close of the war in 1865, seeing service at Deep Bottom, Turkey Bend, The Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Ream Station, Weldon Railroad, and Burgess Farm. He married March 24, 1866, Margaret Mixter, one of ten children of John and Margaret (Ackerman) Mixter, of Danube. In 1867 he engaged in the hotel business in Mohawk for one year; he was then a truckman for nine years; was a presser and shipper of hay for five years, and in 1880 he went into the hotel business at Frankfort, where he has since remained as the popular landlord of the Central House. He was elected president of the village in 1887 and '88, and March, 1890, he was appointed superintendent of Section 4 of the Erie Canal (comprising thirty miles of canal, with twenty-two locks and fifty-two bridges). In the spring of 1892 he presented Frank Mann Post G. A. R. No. 604, with a Grand Army Memorial (costing \$60), which act was deeply appreciated by the citizens of the town.

Walliver, D. H., German Flats, was born in Herkimer county, September 11, 1847, and has been a farmer all his life. He owns 237 acres of dairy land, and sells a large quantity of milk. He takes an active part in Democratic politics. In 1884 he married Miss Johanna Conkling. He is a Mason, a member of Iroquois Chapter and the Little Falls Commandery.

Walrath, Jacob, Danube, was born in Danube, August 16, 1822. His father, Moses Walrath, participated in the war of 1812, and was at Sackett's Harbor. Jacob Walrath married Mariah Green, daughter of Lyman Green; they have five children, one son and four daughters. Mr. Walrath owns a valuable farm of 200 acres on the river road in Danube township, and is assisted in its management by his son. He has served as trustee, etc., and is one of Danube's most highly esteemed residents and property owners.

Whipple, William, Fairfield, was born in Fairfield, February 6, 1833. He has always been a farmer and a successful one. He owns 149 acres of land and a dairy of thirty-seven cows, besides owning property in the village of Fairfield. His father also lived in Fairfield, and his grandfather came from Rhode Island. One of his ancestors, Thomas Whipple, helped to throw the tea into Boston Harbor, and William Whipple signed the Declaration of Independence. These men were uncles of William Whipple's grandfather. Mr. William Whipple is a Mason, a member of the Grange, and a Democrat. He married Miss Margaret Alexander in 1862, and they have one daughter, Addie J., who is living at home with her parents.

Whitney, H. P., is a native and resident of German Flats, and is one of the trustees of Ithaca; he was a farmer's son, and taught school for twelve terms before going into business. He was principal of the Ithaca school for a year and a half, and has been school commissioner and excise commissioner. He went into the boot and shoe business May 1, 1871. Mr. Whitney is a Mason. In 1860 he married Miss Phila West, and they have one daughter, the wife of George D. Richardson.

Walker, Dr. D. E., German Flats, was born in Dolgeville, November 17, 1855. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1879, and then studied medicine in Buffalo. He came to Ilion in 1865, and is now taking a special course in the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons. Since 1889 he has been conducting the leading drug business of Ilion. He is a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society, and of the Summum Bonum Club. In 1888 he married Lizzie Heacock, and they have one daughter.

Waters, S. J., jr., Little Falls, was born in the village of Little Falls, and received his education in the schools here, graduating from the academy. He is a son of S. J. Waters, who was for over thirty years an express agent here, but who has for some time been retired by the company with a substantial pension for faithful services. S. J. Waters, jr., after leaving school was associated for some time with his father in the express office, which position he left to enter the National Herkimer County Bank. Commencing at the bottom, he has gradually worked up to the position of teller, which office he now most acceptably fills. He was elected county treasurer for three years, upon the Democratic ticket, and is the only Democrat ever elected for this position in Herkimer county. He is at present also trustee of the village, and a member of the Masons, Elks, Red Men, Knights Templar, and other social and benevolent institutions. His father has served as supervisor, deputy sheriff, etc.

Wilcox, Charles, farmer, near Little Falls, is a son of Benjamin Wilcox, one of the largest farmers of the township. He owns a magnificent farm of 250 acres, used for dairy purposes and has a herd of fifty-five cows. In 1878 Mr. Charles Wilcox married Alice Ecker, and they have two sons, Arthur and George. Mr. Wilcox has devoted all his life to farming, and is a member of the Grange, and a Republican in politics.

Whiting, A. L., Little Falls, was born in Middleville. He received his education in the schools of Ilion and Middlefield. After leaving school he was identified with mercantile transactions for some time, and in 1874 commenced with Victor Adams with whom he now holds the important position of general superintendent of the factory, Mr. Adams being also postmaster of the town, which requires considerable attention. Mr. Whiting is an Odd Fellow, K. of P., and a member of other social organizations. He married Miss Waldruff and they have three children.

Wilcox, Herbert H., Winfield, was born in Winfield, November 23, 1853. He married Florence O. Babcock; they have one son, Felmer. Herbert H. Wilcox is a druggist. He was twelve years justice and has been town clerk two terms. W. Wilcox, of this town, who was a son of Hezekiah, native of Connecticut, was one of the first settlers of this town.

Ward, William E., farmer, Eatonville, is a native of this town — Little Falls — and, excepting for a space of ten years, from 1875 to 1881, he has been engaged in farming here. During these ten years he was on the Pacific coast mining, road building, etc. He owns sixty-six acres of land, utilized for grass, hay and dairy purposes. In 1888 Mr. Ward married Harriet P. Van Buren. He is a Democrat in politics, and is popular and much respected by all.

Wright, George A., Little Falls, was born upon the old Wright homestead, which has descended into his possession. It contains 116 acres of dairy land, upon which he keeps about twenty-five head of stock. His family are of Revolutionary antecedents, and have lived for many generations in this town, and have been identified with its best interests, both political and social, ever since settling here. Mr. Wright has served as commissioner of highways, inspector of elections, etc. He married Julia Vedder, of Stark. They have one child, Dayton Wright.

Wood, John, Schuyler, is a native of Schuyler and one of its best known citizens. He was born March 14, 1845. His father was Calvin Wood, also a native of Schuyler. His grandfather, Thomas Wood, came from New England. In 1867 Mr. Wood married Gussie Horton, and they have three daughters, Fanny, Mary and Mrs. Lawren Rose. Mr. Wood is engaged in dairy farming, but is widely known as one of the leading horsemen of the State.

Farmer, Woolcott G., a native of Newport, was born June 1, 1861, a son of James D. and Abbie (Wait) Farmer. He started as a clerk about 1885 for V. S. Kenyon, grocer, in which business he continued until 1890, when he entered the employ of C. W. Palmer & Company, of Herkimer. January 1, 1892, he rented the grist and flouring-mill at Middleville. He was one of three children, the other two being Grace A. and Minnie, the latter deceased. James Farmer was a son of James and Lydia (Robinson) Farmer, and he and his wife are active members of the Universalist church.

Wallace, Peter, was born in Ohio May 19, 1843, a son of Patrick Wallace, who was a native of Ireland. The latter about 1828 came to Troy and married Ellen Riley, also of Ireland, and they had seven sons and four daughters. About 1842 Mr. Wallace moved to Ohio and settled on a farm, where he lived until his death in 1876. His wife is now living at Gray at the age of eighty-one years. Peter Wallace is a farmer. His first marriage occurred August 4, 1867, to Emma Colwell, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Atwood) Colwell, and they had two children, Annie and Maggie. In 1873 Mrs. Wallace died, and in 1874 he married second Jennie Bly, of Norway, daughter of Horace and Harriet Bly. They had four children, Emma, Hattie, Walter and Arthur. Mr. Wallace is a Republican and has been assessor four years in Ohio. He is now serving his second term as justice of the peace of Wilmurt. He is a member of the G. A. R. of Poland, Johnson Post, No. 532, and a member of North Star Grange, No. 686. In 1864 he enlisted in the 186th N. Y. Vols., Company K, and was discharged June 6, 1865. He was at the siege of Petersburg the assault on Petersburg, and was in the pursuit of Lee until his surrender. At the close of the war he returned to Ohio, where he resided until 1883, when he moved to Wilmurt. William, a brother of Peter, enlisted in 1861 in the Thirty-fourth N. Y. Vols., in which regiment he was lieutenant. At the expiration of his term of office in this regiment he re-enlisted in the Second Veteran Cavalry. He was then transferred to the 186th N. Y. Vols. and promoted to captain. He was mortally wounded at Petersburg April 2, 1865. Thomas, another brother of Peter, enlisted in 1861 in the Eighty-first N. Y. Vols., and was killed at Fair Oaks May 31, 1862.

Western, Samuel J., Norway, was born in Norway November 8, 1830. He was a son of Joseph Western, a son of Samuel Western, one of the first settlers of Norway. Joseph Western spent most of his life in Norway as a carpenter and lumberman. His wife was Hannah Hall, of Norway, by whom he had seven children. Mr. Western was a Democrat. He held the offices of assessor and justice of the peace. He and his wife both died in Norway. Samuel J. Western married Ann Comstock, of Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Sybil (Cummings) Comstock. Their children are Ella, William, Lillie and Frank. Mr. Western has always been a farmer and lumberman.

Williamson, Norman J., was born on the farm adjoining the one which he now lives in Warren April 5, 1856, a son of Cyrus and Eliza C. (Dewey) Williamson. His grandfather was Garrett and his father Samuel Williamson. Cyrus Williamson was born where the subject now resides September 27, 1815. He died October 1, 1881. His widow survives. She is a daughter of Hubbard and Clarissa (Tanner) Dewey, of St. Lawrence county. N. J. Williamson received a seminary education, is a Republican and has been assessor. He owns the homestead of eighty-five acres. He married January 16, 1879, Louisa E., daughter of Stephen and Mary (Lombard) Edgett. They have two children, Mabel E. and Bessie H.

Wall, William R., Warren, was born in Utica, March 16, 1838, and is a son of Edward and Caroline (Duell) Wall. His grandfather Wall came from England and settled in New Bedford, Mass. When a young man he came to Utica. He married Caroline Duell and had one child, William R., the subject. After his death his wife married William Acers and had one son, Frank B. Her third husband was Levi Gray. She died at the age of sixty-eight. William R. Wall began business life by working on a farm by the month. In 1867 he settled on the farm, where he now lives, of twelve acres on which was a saw-mill. He now owns sixty acres, and is engaged in cattle dealing and butchering and hires several large farms. During the civil war he served as captain of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-second New York Volunteers. He married, in January 1866, Cornelia, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Bloomfield) Loomis, and they have two children, Edwin H. and S. Louise.

Walker Brothers, Little Falls; this firm consists of Elon and Charles Walker, and was established in 1888. Charles Walker was born in 1860, and he married Nellie Blay. They have no children. Elon Walker was born in 1863 and is unmarried. The firm does a retail liquor business and enjoys a large trade, both members are very popular with the general public, and are enterprising and public spirited men.

Zoller, Frederick, Stark, was born in Fairfield. His father was a pioneer of Herkimer county, and died in German Flats, aged seventy-seven. The latter married Nancy Staring, by whom he had nine children: Benjamin, Solomon, Elizabeth, Jonas, Sallie, Isaac, William, Mary and Dolly. Solomon was in the war of 1812, captain of a company. William Zoller was born August 2, 1818, in Little Falls. At seventeen he began the trade of blacksmith. He married, August 2, 1840, Barbara, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Sobles) Everson of Herkimer county. Her father served in the war of 1812 and had six children: Katie, Jacob, Polly, Viancy, Phoebe and Barbara. He died at Fort Herkimer aged eighty-two. Frederick Zoller had seven children: Norman,

Harvey, Mary, wife of John Hall; Charlie, Rollin, Elma, wife of O. Slivemaker, and Alva. Rollin Zoller was born May 1, 1856, received a district school education, and has always lived where he now resides. He married in 1880 Katie Lepper, daughter of John and Mary Lepper, farmers near Amsterdam. Subject and wife have one child, Marcia. He served three years as poormaster of Stark on the Democratic ticket.

Zoller, James, Little Falls, was born of German parentage in Herkimer county. After receiving an excellent education in the public schools, he started when eighteen years of age in farming operations. Some time afterwards he engaged in the produce business in New York city, then in the hotel business in Utica, N. Y., conducting the Dudley House and the St. James Hotel four years. After severing his connection with the St. James Hotel of Utica, he was engaged in stock-raising in Montana for some time. In 1890 he took charge of the Garvin House of Little Falls, which hotel he has made a successful establishment, with all modern improvements. Mr. Zoller owns 450 acres of land near Richfield Springs, Herkimer county. Mr. Zoller's wife was Emily Casler, of Little Falls. They have one daughter.

Rankins, J. M., is a native of Little Falls. He was educated in the Utica Commercial College, from which he graduated in 1885. Five years ago he entered the M'Kinnon Mills as bookkeeper, and recently changed to the Saxony Mills, filling a similar position. He comes of an old and honorable family, his ancestors having lived in this State for many generations. His great-grandfather participated in the Revolutionary war. In politics he is a Republican, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

Clemens, Michael, East Schuylcr, is one of the old and honored residents of Schuylcr. He was born February 14, 1814, and has been a farmer all his life. His father was Michael Clemens, was in the war of 1812, and his grandfather, Jacob Clemens. The latter participated in the Revolutionary war, and came from Germany over a century ago. Mr. Clemens married Rachael Oyer, a most estimable lady, who died July 26, 1889. They had one daughter, now the wife of George Storms, who was in the last rebellion.

Conklin, Silas H., Warren, was born near Little Lakes, March 10, 1863, a son of Hicks and Hannah (Weeks) Conklin. The grandfather, Harry W., was a son of Silas, who was a son of Jacob, who came from Wales, and settled at East Hampton, L. I. After the Revolution he came to Stark, Herkimer county. His wife was a Miss Skellinger. He died in Monroe county. Silas was born on Long Island, September 15, 1872. After the war he came to Springfield, Otsego county, where he died. His wife was Emmiliza Hicks, born in 1776, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. He died, aged eighty-three, and his wife died in 1857, aged eighty-two. Henry Conklin married Phoebe Cook, and their children were: Richard, Silas, Hicks, Catharine and Eliza. Hicks Conklin was born in Warren. He began life as a farmer. Later he kept a meat market at Little Lakes. He was two years in a hotel at Springfield Centre, and died in 1882, his widow survives him, and was born in Warren, a daughter of James and Martha (McChesney) Weeks. Our subject was the only child. He received a district school education, also attended a seminary. At nineteen he

began life as a clerk at Springfield Centre. February 15, 1886, he opened a general store at Little Lakes, which he has operated successfully since. Has been twice elected clerk of Warren, as a Democrat. He has been deputy postmaster since 1886. September 7, 1884, he married Edith, daughter of David and Anna (Dunn) Baird, and they have three children: Anna E., Silas H. and Thomas Ellis Conklin.

Hall, John, Stark, was born in Stark, June 13, 1838, a son of Alex. and Jane (Mount) Hall. The grandfather, Thomas, was born in Ireland and came to the United States after the Revolution, and settled in Stark with a brother, Robert. Later he moved to Onondaga county, and thence to California in 1859, where he died, over eighty years of age. He served as justice many years and was a Mason. His wife was Louise Sprague. They raised four children: Alexander, John T., Nancy and Martha. His wife died in Onondaga county. Alexander was born in Springfield, Otsego county. About 1830 he moved to Stark, and engaged in mercantile business with his brother. In 1839 he moved where his son now resides, and bought and operated a grist and saw-mill, also growing hops largely. He served as supervisor, and died in the fall of 1885, aged seventy-eight. His wife survives him. They had three children: Martha, John and Elizabeth. She was a daughter of John Mount, who came from New Jersey, and was an aid and captain under General Washington. At twenty-one John began farming where he now resides, also engaging in hop business until 1890. He is a Democrat and a leader, a member of Fort Plain lodge, No. 433, Hiram Union Chapter, No. 53, Royal Arch Masons, and Utica Commandery, No. 30. He married August 7, 1861, Marietta Springer, born in Columbia, daughter of Martin L. and Charlotte (Kinter) Springer, of Stark. Martin L. Springer was in the 142d N. Y. Volunteers, as a lieutenant. He was twice married, first wife had two children: Martha and Marietta. Martin L. was a son of Lodawick, who came from Rensselaer county. Subject has had four children, two living: Oliver and Jennie L. Cora died aged thirteen, and one died in infancy. They attend the Universalist church.

Eckler, Jeremiah, Warren, was born in Little Lakes, April 2, 1824, a son of Henry and Lydia (Conklin) Eckler. The grandfather was Peter, who came from Germany prior to the Revolution, and settled on Otsquago Creek, in Warren, and served in the war as captain. He had many an interesting experience with the Indians, once having a wrestle with one of their chiefs. He also served in the war of 1812. He has twice married and has a large family. One son, Henry, was born in Warren and served in the war of 1812. He died February 28, 1862, aged sixty-five, during the Rebellion. She was born in August, 1803, and is still living, aged ninety-three, in excellent health. They had ten children, nine of whom survived: William, of Iowa; Hannah, deceased; Jerry, Henry, of Stark; Jacob, of Otsego county; Lydia, Nancy, deceased; Thomas, Mary, deceased, Mahlon. Jeremiah was reared on a farm and received a district school education. At the age of twelve he began for himself on a farm and at the same time assisted his family. In 1851 he located where he now resides, and rented 250 acres. In 1861 he bought the place, to which he has added many improvements and fine buildings, and he now owns 280 acres. In 1872 he built a cheese factory, which burned in 1882, which he rebuilt, and now makes about 2,500 pounds per week,



He is a Democrat in politics. His wife was Delia Osterhout, born in Warren, a daughter of Jacob and Polly M. (Devoe) Osterhout, who were early pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Eckler have had six children, five of whom survive: Isaiah, of Mohawk; Delilah, wife of Horatio Mayer; Irvin, of Little Lakes; William, of Springfield; Esther, who died young, and Harvey.

Lints, Simon, Schuyler, was born in Schuyler, April 9, 1832. He conducts the butter and dairy farm. His father was Jacob Lints, and his grandfather, Peter Lints, who took part in the Revolutionary war. The family is descended from the old Mohawk Dutch. June 20, 1855, he married Mary Young. Mr. Lints is a Democrat, and a representative of one of the oldest and most honorable names in the county.

Woodard Brother, blacksmiths and wagon makers. This firm is composed of Oscar B. and Alonzo B. Woodard, the business having been under this name since 1861, at which time they succeeded their father, Lyman Woodard, who had conducted a shop here since 1841, when he came here from Augusta. The business has been run by this family over half a century. Lyman Woodard married Rachel Smith and they had nine children, of whom four are living, as follows: Oscar B., Alonzo B., Charles O. and John N. Oscar married Clara Eckler, who died November 28, 1882. She left no children. Alonzo B. married Aurilla A. Brockway, and they have no children. Rachel Smith Woodard was born May 3, 1809. Lyman Woodard was born April 16, 1811, and died July 18, 1869. Rachel Woodard, his wife, died February 18, 1890.

Mason, Amos T., Warren, was born in Warren, May 27, 1870, a son of Joseph W. and Harriet R. (Tisdale) Mason. Amos T. received a district and academic education at Ilion and Mohawk. He married May 21, 1889, Florence E., daughter of William and Lydia (McDonald) Hardy, and they had three children: Mira L. and Josie H., one boy (not named). Mr. Mason is a Democrat in politics. He lived a year in Richfield Springs, running a livery, and has been also a dealer in cattle and sheep. After farming for a year in Mohawk he located on a farm near Jordanville, in the spring of 1891, a farm owned by his father, Joseph W. After farming two years he moved to the old homestead, where he now lives. His farm is composed of 216 acres.

Hamlin, Dr. C. W., Fairfield, is a native of Holland Patent, Oneida county, where in youth he attended the district school, after which he attended school at Whitestown Seminary and at the State Normal School at Albany, where he graduated in the spring of 1861. After teaching one term he took up the study of medicine under the instruction of Dr. D. A. Crane, of Holland Patent. In October of the same year he enlisted in Captain Throop's company of the Fifty-seventh Regiment, New York Volunteers, and was soon promoted to hospital steward of his regiment, and served three years, the last year in the First Division, Second Corps Hospital, Army of the Potomac. After the war he resumed his medical studies under the instruction of Dr. S. G. Wolcott, of Utica, and graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in the class of 1866. In 1868 he married Dora A. Varney, and they have two children, a son and a daughter. Dr. Hamlin is a member of the Herkimer County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the Pan-American Medical Congress, and of several other societies, including the Masonic, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite.



Harter, Charles, German Flats, is a native of Herkimer, and was born March 20, 1844. He was engaged in the banking business for seven years, and then embarked in the lumber business for about thirty years, which he has recently disposed of. He is also interested in western real estate, particularly in Colorado. Mr. Harter is president of the Ilion National Bank, and his life has been entirely devoted to business, in which he has been eminently successful. His father, Benjamin Harter, was a native of Herkimer county. Mr. Charles Harter married Miss Ellen Brand in 1868.

Helmer, Hannibal, Dolgeville, was born on the old farm in Manheim, near Dolgeville, May 30, 1847. His father, Samuel Helmer, is still living at the old homestead. Mr. Helmer, after leaving the farm in 1879, established a meat market in Dolgeville, where he has conducted a most successful business for a number of years. In 1879 he married Alice Sullivan, who left him two sons and one daughter. He married second Sophia Englehardt, and they have one son. Mr. Helmer is one of Dolgeville's most esteemed citizens.

Hicks, Robert H., Salisbury, was born in Norway July 14, 1858. He received an excellent education at the Fairfield Academy, from which he graduated in 1882. After this he taught school for seven years. He was also associated with his father, Robert Hicks, at Salisbury Corners in a general store. In 1889 he bought his present establishment at Salisbury Center, where he does a thriving business in general merchandise. He is also postmaster of the village. Mr. Hicks married Ina Bliss, of Salisbury, and is identified with the Odd Fellows.

Hawkins, Keith, Newport, was born in Newport June 30, 1825, a son of Thaduis K., one of nine children of Uriah and Mary (Keith) Hawkins. Uriah was a native of Rhode Island and one of the first settlers of Newport, coming thence in 1802. He settled and cleared the farm which Keith now owns. He served seven years in the Revolutionary war and drew a pension until his death, February 19, 1840. His wife died October 17, 1837. Thaduis K. Hawkins was born in Rhode Island February 12, 1800. He was a mason and a farmer. He married Sophrona, a daughter of David and Lydia Foster, natives of Connecticut, and early settlers of Norway, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins had three sons and two daughters. He was a Republican and died in June, 1875, and his wife March 9, 1872. In 1849 Keith Hawkins married Lucy Marcy, a native of Newport; they had one child, Ellen, born November 15, 1849. Mrs. Hawkins died March 15, 1850. In 1852 Mr. Hawkins married Hannah Upright, of Newport, by whom he had four children, Frank M., Frederick U., Millard J. and George K. He is a mason by trade but for many years has followed farming. He is a Republican and has been highway commissioner and is also a member of Newport Lodge No. 455, F. and A. M.

Hines, Charles F., Norway, was born in Newport in 1867. His father is Benjamin Hines, a son of Charles Hines. Charles Hines was an early settler of Newport, where he resided many years. He settled the farm of 222 acres now owned by subject. Mrs. Hines died about 1873. Benjamin Hines was born in Newport in 1843. His wife is Harriet Holliday, by whom he has three sons and two daughters. In 1891 Mr. Hines

moved on a farm in Oneida county, where he now resides. Charles F. Hines was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1890 he married Clara Hafer, of Newport, and they have one child, Grant. Mrs. Hines is one of thirteen children of John and Johannah Hafer, natives of Germany, now residents of Newport. The subject is a farmer and a Republican, and he and wife are Methodists.

Henderson, John Dryden, Herkimer, was born in Norway, N. Y., July 13, 1846. He received his early education in Fairfield Seminary, and graduated from Hamilton College in 1868. He commenced the study of law with Benjamin Franklin, of Penn Yan, N. Y., and continued it, in the office of Robert and Samuel Earl, being admitted to the bar in 1869, and has, since March, 1872, practiced his profession at Herkimer. He was elected president of the village in 1876, re-elected in 1883, was corporation counsel six years, and was a member of the State Assembly in 1890, and Democratic candidate for State Senator in 1891 for the district embracing Herkimer, Otsego and Madison counties. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and treasurer of the Herkimer Fire Department, president of the D. K. E. chapter of Hamilton College, president of Philo. Society of Fairfield Seminary, and author of the "Village Charter," a work which ran through three editions. He was the poet at the Centennial Celebration of Norway, 1887, and poet at the Philo. reunion at Fairfield, 1884. He married Miss Fannie DuBois, of Norway, August 20, 1874. They have two children. Mr. Henderson's ancestors have been prominent in New York State for over two centuries. They have been legislators, soldiers, and men of affairs; and the name stands high in the annals of the county and State.

Halpin, Rev. James H., Herkimer, was born in Deposit, Broome county, N. Y., June 3, 1859. He received his early education in the St. Joseph Parochial School and finished at the High School in 1874, and graduated at the Niagara University in 1878, afterwards continuing his studies in the Grand Seminary at Montreal, P. Q. Father Halpin was ordained June 3, 1882. He immediately thereafter was stationed at Deposit, his home for three months, and from September of 1882 to December of 1885 was assistant in St. John's church, Albany, N. Y. In December of 1885 he received the Herkimer appointment, which has materially increased in prosperity under his able management, the church having been increased to twice its capacity and a new parochial residence purchased. The cost of St. Peter and St. Paul's church at Frankfort, which he erected, was \$18,000. This being formerly a part of his district, or an outlying mission of Herkimer, was set apart as an independent mission in 1892. Father Halpin is of Irish-American parentage.

Hunt, Mrs. Mary, German Flats, is a native of German Flats, and her maiden name was Mary Ingersoll. In 1842 she married Dr. I. J. Hunt, who died January 22, 1875. She has two sons, James G. and Laton S., who is United States consul to Guelph, Ontario, Canada. James G. Hunt is a physician. Mrs. Hunt's father was John Ingersoll, and her grandfather, John Ingersoll, came from Connecticut to this county.

Hotaling, Reuben, German Flats, is a native of Albany county, and was born August 31, 1850. His father was William Hotaling, one of the leading men of Ilion in his day. He died in 1889. Mr. Reuben Hotaling is a member of the Ilion Steamer and

Hose Company, and is a Democrat in politics. He married Miss Hattie M. Lawrence in 1879. Up to 1889 Mr. Hotelling was in partnership with his father, since which time he has conducted the business.

Heacock, S. G., German Flats, was born in Buffalo, March 1, 1857. His father was Dr. Grosvenor W. Heacock, a Presbyterian clergyman, who died in 1877. S. G. Heacock studied in Hamilton and graduated from that college in 1880. He then took a two-years' theological course in Auburn Theological Seminary. Then he went to Mokawk and was in the drug business there and in Ilion for some time. He came to Ilion and was appointed postmaster there two years later. He is largely interested in the oil wells near Findlay, O. In 1880 Mr. Heacock married Ida, daughter of Dr. E. S. Walker of Ilion.

Harter, Chauncey C. Frankfort, born in Herkimer June 18, 1859. He was one of three children (the others being Charles N. and John S. Harter) of Nicholas and Mary A. (Crosby) Harter. Nicholas, the father was born in Herkimer county, N. Y. Chauncey C. married December 23, 1882, Nellie A. Watson, one of six children of Oliver and Lucinda (Casler) Watson of Frankfort. They have one son, James M. Harter. Mr. Harter came to Frankfort when seven years old. He was employed in a grocery store for several years during his early life, manufactured cigars for a few years, and afterwards did a fire insurance business. About seven years ago he engaged in the railroad business, serving three years as freight clerk at Frankfort for the West Shore Railroad. He was appointed storekeeper for the same company November 1, 1888, having charge of all the supplies in the Motive Power and Car department of the West Shore Shops. He was elected president of the village of Frankfort in March 1892.

Hurlburt, J. W., Little Falls, is a native of Vermont, and has been three years in Little Falls. He is bookkeeper of the paper mills of the Little Falls Paper Company, and having spent all his life in the paper business, although but a young man, he is eminently qualified for the position. His family is an old one in New England, and his father was a well-known paper manufacturer in Vermont. Mr. Hurlburt is popular, both socially and commercially, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a consistent Republican.

Hayes,<sup>1</sup> William E., M. D., Frankfort, was born in Frankfort, October 14, 1867. He is one of three children of Isaac and Emma (Parker) Hayes, the others being Lillie E. and Cora F. Hayes. Emma (Parker) Hayes, the mother, was born in New Hampshire. Jeremiah Hayes, the grandfather of William E., was of German descent, his wife, Jane (Harvey) Hayes, being of Scotch descent. William E. Hayes was married February 22, 1888, to Blanche A. Travis, of Canastota, she being one of seven children of John and Ellen (Brooks) Travis. They have two children, Lillie E. and Charles A. M. Hayes. His medical education was obtained at the University of the City of New

<sup>1</sup> The original name of the family was Hay, but through an error at some period the "es" was been attached, which is wrong.

York, where he graduated in March, 1891. After practicing in New York and Brooklyn, he in February, 1892, established himself in his native town, and engaged in the practice of his profession. Benjamin Harvey, ancestor on the father's side, was a Revolutionary soldier, who fought under General Schuyler, and who died at the age of 112 years.

Hoefer, John, German Flats, is a native of Germany and came to America in 1849. He was an expert mechanic when he came, and for thirty-five years was a contractor in the gun works at Ilion. He is vice-president of the Ilion National Bank and has been connected with it since its organization. In 1854 he married Miss Elizabeth Eller of Utica, by whom he has eight children living. Mr. Hoefer is also vice-president of the Gas Company, director of the knitting-mill and is president of the board of sewer commissioners.

Hakes, Seward, German Flats, is a native of Ilion and a scion of one of the oldest families in America. His grandfather, Solomon Hakes, was a native of Little Falls and was born in 1806. His great-grandfather was one of the first settlers of the county. Mr. Seward Hakes married Miss Marion E. Ilam, December 10, 1884, and they have three daughters. Mr. Hakes was one of the trustees of the village from 1889 to 1893 and conducts a large and prosperous floral business.

House, H. A., German Flats, was born in Winfield January 25, 1858. In 1881 he came to Ilion and was with the Remingtons for four years. He then manufactured furniture for about four years. January 15, 1888, he established his present successful business. His premises have a floor space of over 10,000 square feet and his stock is ample and fine. He is a member of Ilion Lodge No. 591 F. & A. M., also of Iroquois Chapter 236 R. A. M. and Little Falls Commandery No. 26 K. T., and takes a great interest in all Masonic work. He is also a member of Khorassan Grotto No. 2 M. O. V. P. E. R. and Diamond Lodge No. 125 K. of P. Socially he is a pleasant and obliging gentleman to meet and in his business is fair, upright and honest, and enjoys the full confidence of all his numerous customers.

Broat, Hiram, Manheim, was born in Manheim, July 21, 1819. He is of Mohawk Dutch descent. His grandfather, Henry Broat, settled here in 1798. His father, John Broat, was born at Stone Arabia, March 6, 1795, and participated in the War of 1812. Esquire Hiram Broat owns 248 acres of fine dairy land, on which he keeps fifty cows, and also has a half interest in a cedar swamp in Norway. He has been an important factor in political affairs for many years, having held the position of assessor two years, justice of the peace forty years, supervisor nine years, justice of sessions three years, etc., and is one of the best informed men in Manheim. December 16, 1840, he married Marietta Snell, and has eight children living, three being deceased.

Skinner, John W., is a farmer in Columbia, and a son of Gersham Skinner, also born here. He was a son of John Skinner, of this town, and his father was Gersham, a soldier of the Revolution. He was attacked by the Indians, receiving a number of wounds. He hid under the flume and was there while the Indians burned the mill. John W. married Sarah J. Skinner, who died in February, 1872. He married second

Mary T. Casler, and they had three children: Jacob, William and B. Caroline. Skinner married Jane E. Dygert, and they had six children: Mary E., Carmi M., Cornelia C., John W., Lucien F. and Lucius F. Mary T. Skinner is a daughter of Jacob F. Casler, born in Little Falls, and is still living in this town. He was a son of Frederick Casler, a native of this county, born the second year of the Revolution, in a house that was afterward a fort.

Rising, James G., Litchfield, a farmer, was born in this town, and married Emma Gallup. They have one daughter, Julia, who married Frank Woodbury, and has a daughter, Nina. James G. is a son of Moses and Polly Hewett Rising. There are five of the children now living, all farmers: Lovina, Mary, William, James G. and Milo M. Moses was a son of Abner Rising, a native of Massachusetts, one of the first settlers of Litchfield. He married Abigail Devotion; they had seven children: Abner, jr., Oliver, Moses, Harry, Desire, Rowena, and Abigail. Mrs. Emma Rising is a daughter of Daniel and Ama Gallup.

Taber, Wm. L., was born in Herkimer, Herkimer county, in 1865. He received his education in the Utica schools, graduating from Utica Academy in 1883. After teaching school for one winter, he entered the Herkimer Bank as clerk, and has passed through all departments, being appointed cashier in 1892. Mr. Taber is treasurer of the Light and Water Commission of Herkimer. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is connected with the leading social and benevolent institutions of the village. His family is of Mohawk Dutch descent, and of Revolutionary antecedents of this State. They settled in New York during the seventeenth century.

Spencer, D. D., Ilion, is a native of Illinois, and spent many years in the banking business in Chicago. About twelve years ago he went to Europe and resided in different countries until recently when he settled in Mohawk, and has started a large and flourishing stock farm. The house in which Mr. Spencer lives contains some rooms of much historic interest, for in them Washington spent some time over a century ago. The old house has been preserved as part of the new structure for this reason.

Holmes, O. Brainerd, Winfield, was born on the farm where he now lives April 26, 1847. He is a son of Orange Holmes, born on the same farm of which this is a part, December 25, 1803, and died December 13, 1864. He married Henrietta Brainerd, January 15, 1829, who died March 28, 1891. Orange was a son of Elijah Holmes, who settled on this farm at an early date. The house is one of the oldest in Winfield. O. B. Holmes married Mary J. Hadley, September 21, 1869, and have two children, Mabel M. and Harold B. Mrs. Mary J. Holmes was a daughter of Harry and Mary Hadley, residents and natives of Litchfield. Orange Holmes had six children: Pamela A., Leonidas B., Sarah A., Caroline E., Ellen C. and O. Brainerd. Deacon Elijah Holmes, of Scotch descent, came from Connecticut and settled in Winfield about 1794. He was the first shoemaker in town, and tanned his own leather, grinding the bark by horse power, and the ruins of his tannery are still to be seen near North Winfield.

Dudleston, Jos. J., jr., Frankfort, was born in England, July 25, 1842. He was one of six children of Joseph J. and Mary (Williams) Dudleston. They emigrated to this

country in 1845 and settled in Oneida county in April, 1846. Joseph J., jr., was educated in the common schools and at Whitestown Seminary. He read law in the office of S. & R. Earl, at Herkimer, at the same time engaged in teaching school. He was admitted to the bar in 1865, and since that time has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Frankfort. He was married in 1865 to Hattie N. Smith, of Schuyler. She died in July, 1876, leaving one daughter, H. Estella Dudleston. He subsequently married Cora A. Williams, of Herkimer. They have two children, Joseph J. and Gladis Dudleston. Mr. Dudleston has served the town as president of the village and school trustee, and was district attorney from 1876 to 1880.

Green, Nelson K., Warren, was born in Danube, January 14, 1853, a son of Herkimer and Emily T. (Wolcott) Green. The grandfather, Dr. Felix Green, was a son of Ambrose, and was born in Rhode Island, a pioneer of Danube, where he lived nearly all his life. He married Elma Lester, and had seven children: John, William, Felix, Anna, Polly, Elizabeth and Ruth. He held various town offices. Felix lived on the Hudson River near Albany, in the town of Scodack, Rensselaer county, and early came to Danube. He was an active Whig and Republican, and served in nearly all the town offices. He was a Free Mason, and died July 18, 1857, aged eighty-one. His wife died in 1859. She was Lana Herkimer, (her sisters being Margaret, Alida, Catharine and Gertrude, her brothers, John and Joseph,) and was born in Danube, a daughter of George Herkimer, who was a brother of General Nicholas Herkimer, whose wife was a daughter of General Schuyler. Of thirteen children Felix reared ten: Alida, Jane, Mary, Helen, James, George, Charles, Herkimer, Augustus, John. Herkimer Green was born in Danube, November 20, 1811. In 1870 he moved to Cayuga county, having sold the old homestead, a part of the Herkimer estate inherited by his mother, and in 1882 removed to his present home in Warren, Herkimer county, on a farm of 250 acres. He has reared two children: John H., who was born in Danube August 11, 1846, married Nellie Wartman, daughter of Jacob and Mary Wartman, of Little Falls. Subject's mother was born in Shoreham, Vermont, daughter of Seaman and Huldah (Kellogg) Wolcott. Nelson K. Green was reared on a farm, and received a common school education, supplemented by a course in the academy at Little Falls. He has followed farming, is an active Republican, and married Mary O., daughter of John N. and Rebecca (Soule) Smith, of Sterling, Cayuga county. They had three children: George H., Elma R. and Emily E. John H. Green received his education at Little Falls Academy, and then at Hamilton College, graduating in the class of '74. He has taught school, and was admitted to the bar in 1876. He has served in town offices as a Republican, and is now engaged in farming in Warren. He has the old lock of the door of General Herkimer's house, also a chair of his, and other pieces of furniture and relics which belonged to the general. George Green, brother of Herkimer, is a physician at St. Johnsville and John Green is a prominent physician at Sharon Springs.

Morey, Milo, Newport, was born in Fairfield, N. Y., August 7, 1847, a son of David H., who was a son of David Morey. David H. Morey was born in Fairfield October 27, 1812, and on September 8th, 1835, he married Elsie Buchanan, born October 10, 1813, a native of Little Falls. She is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Churchill) Buchanan, who reared eleven children. Thomas Buchanan was a native of Little

Britain, N. Y., and when six years of age came to Little Falls with his parents. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Morey are Newel, Mary, Milo and Annie. Mr. Morey was a farmer. In 1859 he came to Newport, but died the same year on December 10. He was a Whig, afterwards a Republican and held minor offices in the town. Milo Morey was educated in the common schools, in Fairfield Academy and in the Clinton Liberal Institute. He is a farmer and for the past thirty years has resided on the farm which he now owns. On the 21st of May, 1873, he married Kittie B. Averill, a native of Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, born March 28, 1856. She is a daughter of Theodore and Catherine Averill. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Morey have had two children, Grove and Belle. He is a Republican and has been assessor five years, and a member of the school board eleven years. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry of Newport, No. 596.

Ruddy, Henry, German Flats, was born in Ireland, and came to America in 1868. He worked in the armory for over twenty years, but is now proprietor of a grocery and confectionery store. He takes an active interest in politics, and was chief of police for four years; was also on the force in Utica. He is a Republican in politics, and an Odd Fellow. Mr. Ruddy has several times held positions on the town committee.

Pelton, J. Rand, German Flats, was born in Winfield October 17, 1845. When of age he embarked in the sewing machine business. Seven years ago he started his present business, stoves, hardware, plumbing, and in the firm of Grimes & Pelton. In 1870 Mr. Pelton married Miss Florence M. Caswell, and they have two children, Frank E. and Edwin C. Mr. Pelton is a Mason, and a member of the Royal Arcanum, and the A. O. U. W. Grimes & Pelton own the fine new block in which their business is carried on.

Petrie, Philo, a farmer of Little Falls, is a native of this town, born on the farm he now works, in 1835. His father came to this part early in the century. Mr. Petrie works and owns 127 acres of land and devotes his farm almost entirely to dairy purposes and grass. In 1859 he married Jane Ann Snell, and they have two children, one son and one daughter, the latter being the wife of Eugene A. Garlock, of Gloversville. His son is Isaac L., a young man eighteen years of age. All the family are church members, the father being a Presbyterian and the mother and children Universalists.

Moon, Dr. John, Dolgeville, was born in Oneida county, N. Y., November 6, 1825. He received a good education in the schools of this vicinity, and afterwards studied medicine with Dr. Hemstead at Poland. After attending lectures at Ann Arbor Dr. Moon commenced the practice of medicine at Greysville, where he remained four years. About three years ago Dr. Moon went to Salisbury Centre, but only remained there two years. He has been a resident of Dolgeville for the past year, having retired from active practice. The doctor has taken charge of the Adirondack Hotel here. His wife was Miss Adela Hemstead. They have four children, one son and three girls. His son, John R. Moon, has charge of the doctor's hotel in Devereaux.

Munson, F. E., Herkimer, a member of the firm of E. C. & F. E. Munson, furniture manufacturers of Herkimer; E. C. being the father and F. E. the son. The elder



Munson inaugurated this enterprise in 1860, as a lumber business, and they gradually extended and enlarged it until now they employ twenty hands and do a large business. Mr. E. C. Munson was formerly trustee of the village, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. Both gentlemen are Democrats, and Mr. F. E. Munson is at present a member of the town board, and is a justice of the peace. His grandfather Eaton was a justice of the peace for twenty years, and his great-grandfather Eaton was in the war of 1812. His great-grandmother was a sister of General Herkimer. The family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in the town.

Lamberson, J. F., was born in Salisbury township June 30, 1844. He received a good education in the public schools of Dolgeville, after which he attended the Falley Seminary at Fulton, Oswego county, N. Y. Mr. Lamberson was engaged in farming until about four years ago, when he rented his farm of 210 acres and moved into Dolgeville. He has invested in real estate here, and expects to soon, with others, inaugurate a coal and wood business. Mr. Lamberson has served as assessor for several years, and is a thorough business man. He married Miss Jessie Loucks. They have one child, a girl.

Joslyn, George N., real estate dealer and farmer, was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, August 1, 1832. He came with his father and settled in this town in 1862. He is a son of Daniel and Eliza (Huntley) Joslyn, who both died in Richfield. George N. is one of the representative farmers of his locality, and one of the most extensive real estate dealers of this part of the country.

Hayes, John L., was born in Otsego county, N. Y., March 3, 1850. He received a good education in the schools of that county, and was appointed to a position in the assembly chamber at Albany. About fourteen years ago he established his present liquor business here in Little Falls. Mr. Hayes has served as constable two years. His wife was Lida Upright, and they have two daughters and a son.

Fitzgerald, James, was born in Ireland November 29, 1851. His father came to this country and settled in Little Falls in an early day, when James was a child. The latter received a common school education and after coming of age commenced life as an employee of the Central Railroad, with which corporation he remained seventeen years being promoted from brakeman to conductor. On the 21st of April, 1892, he established his present lucrative grocery business, which is at the corner of Ward and Burwell streets. His wife was Mary Hart, and they have three children, two daughters and a son. Mr. Fitzgerald has held the office of postmaster, and is identified with local, social and benevolent institutions.

Folnsbee, William, Norway, was born in Canada in May, 1837. His parents were Thadeus and Maria Folnsbee, natives of Schoharie county, N. Y., to whom seven children were born. When a young man Mr. Folnsbee went to Canada. He returned to New York, where he married. Then again he spent several years in Canada, and then returned to Schoharie county. He finally moved to Delaware county, N. Y., where he died in 1891. His wife still resides in Delaware county. William Folnsbee was reared on a farm, and received a common school education. In 1860 he married Elizabeth



Newman, a native of Bellinger, Oneida county, N. Y., born in 1838. She was a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Bellinger) Newman, who reared nine children. Mr. Folsbee and wife have had five children: Charles, Ellen (deceased), William, Jessie, and John. He is a tanner and farmer, a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

Ellis, Thomas W., Warren, was born in Albany, August 16, 1841, and is a son of Thomas Ellis and wife. The latter were born in Yorkshire, England, and settled in Albany in 1841, where he followed carriage making. In 1844 he came to Little Lakes and carried on a shop, employing from five to sixteen men. They had twelve children. Thomas W. Ellis at the age of sixteen began his trade in his father's shop, and has followed it since. He is a Democrat, and has been town clerk. He married November 17, 1889, Pauline Colyer, daughter of James and Corintha Armstrong. They have one child, Annetta.

Fisher, J. H., Ohio, was born in Germany in 1827, a son of John and Barbara Fisher. He was reared on a farm and received a good common school education. At the age of twenty he came with his parents to this country, and in 1854 he married Rachel Hafer, a native of Germany, and they had eight children: Celia, May, Christina, Amelia, Caroline, Frank, Ann and Emma. In 1851 Mr. Fisher made a trip to California, remaining three years. He is now one of the leading farmers of Herkimer county, and keeps one of the largest dairies. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been assessor twelve years, highway commissioner three years, and supervisor two terms. He and his wife are Lutherans.

Ellsworth, Myron K., one of two children of Myron and Martha (Kinney) Ellsworth, both of Litchfield, was born in that town June 22, 1845. The grandfather Thomas Ellsworth was a native of Vermont. The ancestry on both sides of the family is English, Sir John Kinney having been an ancestor on the mother's side. Myron K. married, December 3, 1868, Mary E., a daughter of Wm. H. and Elizabeth (Flagg) Van Dusen of Frankfort. They have three children living, Minnie, Helen L. and Elmer M. Mr. Ellsworth was a soldier, enlisting in the 2d Regiment, Company K, N. Y. Heavy Artillery, taking part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Tolo-potomoy Creek, North Ann River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, two raids across the James River and other engagements until the close of the war. In 1890, compelled by ill health to leave the farm, he moved to the village of Frankfort and engaged in the business of real estate and insurance. He was also a justice of the peace.

Eckler, James, was born where he now resides October 2, 1813, a son of Christian and Hannah (Crine) Eckler. His grandfather John came from Germany in colonial days and settled on fifty acres, which he cleared and improved, and owned 100 acres before his death. His father, John, with three sons came to Warren. John Eckler married first a Miss Hoover, and they had these children: Peter, Jacob, Daniel, Henry and Christian, Betsey and Peggie. Christian was born on the homestead in 1790, where he died in 1841. His wife was a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Hoover) Crum, and they had eight children: James, John, George, Peter, George, Hiram,

Catharine, Lydia A., Eva and Angeline. Mrs. Hannah Eckler died June 20, 1876. James was raised on a farm and received a district school education. He has always resided on the homestead which he owns. He is an active Democrat.

Lloyd, D. Frank, son of David J. Lloyd, of Frankfort, N. Y., was born in Utica, N. Y., in 1859, and removed to Frankfort the following year, passed his boyhood days in that village and entered Hungerford Collegiate Institute, Adams, N. Y., as a student in 1873, from which he graduated with honors in 1876. In the following year he entered upon the study of law in New York city, and passed his final examinations and was admitted to practice in the year 1881. Immediately after his admission to the bar Mr. Lloyd was appointed by N. H. Decker, who was at that time the largest railroad contractor in the country, as his confidential adviser and attorney, and was placed in charge of all his railroad contract work, which was being carried on in this State as well as in the States of Illinois, Michigan and Indiana, and continuing with him until his death, about three years afterwards. Mr. Lloyd then resumed the practice of law in New York city, and became a member of the well known firm of Ingersoll, Carty & Lloyd; the firm enjoys a large and lucrative practice, having offices in New York, Washington and Philadelphia, representing several large estates and corporations. Mr. Lloyd, while yet a young man, is identified with several large corporations, being secretary and treasurer of the New York Cable Railway Construction Company and the American Visual Telegraph Company, and is president of the Westchester Automatic Lighting Company, as well as director of several other corporations. Mr. Lloyd was married in 1890 to Miss Anita Heinemann, of Berlin, Germany. He is a member of several clubs of the metropolis, and is well known to New Yorkers, as well as throughout Herkimer county.

Hose, Wallace, was born at the old homestead of his grandfather, Henry Hose, in Kring's Bush, a farming district north of St. Johnsville in Montgomery county, N. Y. His parents soon after located in St. Johnsville. After receiving a good education in the schools of that town, he took a commercial course in Cazenovia Seminary. His early business experience was in mercantile transactions, he having been engaged in this line in St. Johnsville for two years, and at Fort Plain. In the year 1876 he entered the employ of H. M. Burch & Company, with whom he remained seven years. He then accepted a position with Titus Sheard & Company as book-keeper, eventually being admitted a member of the concern, in which he now holds the position of secretary of the company. Mr. Hose is a member of various local social and benevolent institutions. He married Edith I. Sheard, and they have one child.

Elwood Families, the, of America, are believed to have descended from Richard Elwood, an Englishman, who, with his wife, came to this country in 1748. He built, on the turnpike a short distance east of the present site of St. Johnsville, a stone house which he occupied, and which was afterwards used as a fort. The house is still standing. His children were: Richard, Benjamin, Peter, Isaac, Mrs. Van Allen, and Mrs. Scouten.

The son Peter was born March 5, 1754. He married Peggy Nellis and moved to Hallsville, Montgomery county, where he rented a farm for the consideration of an ear

of corn an acre. He was frozen to death in the winter of 1831, having lost his way in a blinding snowstorm. Nine children survive him: Henry, Nancy, Mary, Peggy, Elizabeth, Richard, David, Peter, and George.

David Elwood, born January 6, 1794, married Nancy Baum and settled in Stark in 1813, where he died in 1859. They had these children: Daniel, Nancy, Moses, Henry D., Sally, and David B. He was a man of influence in local affairs and a prominent man in the work of the church. Mrs. Polly Stringer Ecker, his second wife, now lives in Starkville.

The son, Moses Elwood, was born June 11, 1817. The common schools and the library gave him his education. In 1842 he married Mary C. Springer, who came from Rensselaer county and settled in Warren. Married life began on the farm where he now resides and which has been enlarged and greatly improved. He has served as justice of the peace sixteen years, and as commissioner of highways. He is a member and trustee of the M. E. church and has always been a liberal supporter of it. Mrs. Elwood died in 1887. They had eight children: Isaac N., who died at Flint, Mich., was a prominent and leading member of the Detroit M. E. Conference; Philip H. resides in Stark and is an extensive bee-keeper; Urias D. resides at home; Mary A. died at the age of nineteen; Mrs. Elizabeth D. Baird, of Amsterdam; Chas. A.; Jennie A., and Hattie F. now live at the old homestead.

Charles A. Elwood was born March 18, 1857. He received the advantages of a common school, and now has charge of the homestead. He is prominently concerned in church and Sunday school work. In 1888 he was an active and influential member of the board of supervisors. In politics he is a Republican, as have been all the Elwoods of this town. February 20, 1878, he married Sarah D. Krum, daughter of William and Eliza Shaut Krum. The joy of their home centers in the two children, Gertrude M., a girl of fourteen, and Arthur, a lively and thoughtful boy of eleven years.

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